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Synopsis

One million years ago, Li Qiye planted a simple water bamboo into the ground.

Eight hundred thousand years ago, Li Qiye had a koi fish pet.

Five hundred thousand years ago, Li Qiye cared for a little girl.

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In the present day, Li Qiye woke up from his slumber;

The water bamboo reached the apex of cultivation;

The koi fish became a Golden Dragon;

The little girl became the Nine Worlds' Immortal Empress.

This is a tale regarding an immortal human who was the teacher of the Demon Saint, Heavenly Beast, and Immortal Empress.

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Chapter 701: Yellow Silk Cloth

Even the madam was finally shocked this time. He even let this bull eat an imperial medicine, could anyone be more wasteful than him in this world?

“You, you, do you know that that was an imperial medicine?! You know, right?!” An old alchemist squatted to the ground and cried out in pain while holding his head.

In the eyes of any alchemist, letting a bull eat an imperial medicine was wasting the resources of the heavens. This was simply unbearable for them.

Li Qiye chuckled and nonchalantly said: “I know, it is only an imperial medicine.”

At this moment, countless legs were quivering while some couldn't get up from their prostration. Anyone would lose their minds if they met someone like this. They could only say one phrase: “You win!”

“Aizz, why must men receive such different lifestyles? I'm not even equal to a buffalo. I haven't even tasted a petal of an imperial medicine, but this buffalo ate an entire root like grass.” A great character, with his butt on the ground, helplessly exclaimed amidst his daze.

At this time, countless people were quiet and felt as if the strength had been sapped from their bodies. Compared to Li Qiye

feeding the bull an imperial medicine, Huangfu Hao and whatever great sect he came from no longer mattered.

“Big Brother, are you recruiting more mounts? I am the descendant of an auspicious beast with the bloodline of a divine beast, can I be your mount too?” A Demon Monarch couldn’t help but make this joke.

In fact, in the eyes of many people here, they were not even equal to his buffalo. It instantly ate four king medicines and one imperial medicine. Many people would never be in a position to obtain such items for the rest of their lives, so now, being his mount would simply be a privilege.

“I am a very picky person.” Li Qiye smiled and then took his seat in his carriage. The madam smiled as well before leaving with him in a cool manner.

Those who were left on Dao-sense Peak were still absent-minded. At this time, they finally understood why Madam Zi Yan was willing to stay by Li Qiye’s side. Even if one wanted to join such a person to work for him, he might not necessarily accept them.

After a long silence, someone who finally calmed down lamented with a soft sigh: “Aizz, I finally opened my eyes today. An imperial medicine being fed to a bull — what could be more shocking than this?”

The rest of the crowd couldn’t help but smile helplessly. They could only sigh since they were not even equal to a bull.

Back at the valley, Li Qiye smilingly told the madam: “Meditate on the God’s Hands. Although its power is not as great as the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar on your body, its power will definitely not be weaker than an Immortal Emperor Life Treasure.”

“How does Young Master know that I have the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar?” Asked the madam with a jolted expression. The people who knew that she brought along this item was fewer than few, and she didn’t tell Li Qiye either.

She had it with her in preparation for the worst case scenario. Because of the feud with the Huangfu Clan, she knew that the enemy would definitely not let this go, so she brought the evil jar with her just in case.

The Immortal Devouring Evil Jar was the defining protective treasure of their Giant Bamboo Country. They had rarely used it in the past millions of years because its power was quite terrifying. For generations, even the country itself wasn’t privy to the jar’s true origin, they only knew that it was left behind by their progenitor.

Li Qiye chuckled and said: “Very few things can escape my sight.”

Of course, he couldn’t tell the madam that the evil jar was left behind by him in the past for Yan’er. Its origin was extremely frightening, and its power was comparable to an Immortal Emperor True Treasure’s!

“I will try my best to learn about these gloves.” The madam took note of Li Qiye’s reminder and nodded her head.

After returning to the valley, he didn’t leave again. Initially, he was waiting for Tie Yi’s news. However, the ant had yet to return. During this moment where he had nothing pressing, he thought about a certain something.

With a solemn expression, he took out a bronze box. This was the box formed from the transformation of the pentagate, and inside was the item taken from beneath the Divine School.

Li Qiye carefully looked at the bronze box for a moment and found that it was safe, giving him peace of mind. He formed a mudra with his hands and, with a buzzing sound, the pentagate unsealed itself and returned to its original form, causing five bronze doors to hover around Li Qiye’s body.

With a series of sealing gestures, a clanking sound rang. The pentagate immediately sealed the entire room as five different patterns emerged on each of the doors — Celestial Sunbird, Moon Eating Wolf, Star Devouring Ant, Heaven Shrouding Eagle, and Earth Sealing Rat!

Each of the patterns on the five doors of the pentagate was ancient and depicted mysterious beasts. At this time, all the patterns appeared; this was Li Qiye activating the true, mighty power of the Heaven Sealing Pentagate.

After sealing the room, Li Qiye carefully looked at the urn. After so many years, this old urn was still as simple and crude as before.

This old urn had a heaven-shattering origin and was taken by him from a very terrifying location. Later on, he left it to the bull just in case the worst case scenario arose. Eventually, it had come in handy.

Li Qiye took a deep breath and made a decision. At this time, Li Qiye summoned each of his treasures... The Yin Yang Refining Immortal Mirror, the Declivity-Mountain Bell, the Elusive Heavenly Vase... All of these invincible treasures emerged above him and poured down unstoppable universal laws. At this split second, these treasures unleashed their most powerful barriers, creating layers protecting Li Qiye.

At the same time, Li Qiye's right hand held the green lamp while his left held the little wooden coffin. He was preparing for the worst; if this defensive line couldn't hold, then he would go about it the hard way and fight evil with evil, by using the little wooden coffin to suppress it!

After everything was ready, Li Qiye took another deep breath and performed a mudra as he shouted a mantra: "Open!"

"Pop!" Eventually, the urn was opened, but contrary to his expectations, there was no terrifying evil energy that penetrated the sky, and neither was there any terrifying curse. Only a faint black mist came out that eventually dissipated without leaving behind a single trace.

“This is...” Li Qiye’s eyes became serious after seeing this scene. Eventually, he looked inside the old urn only to find an item inside.

He took it out and spread it over the table. It was a yellow silk cloth.

This silk cloth had experienced countless moons and appeared to be very ancient. The colors on the cloth had faded, so it became white.

His pupils were fixated on this ordinary-looking cloth. Others would think that this was only a regular silk cloth, but Li Qiye didn’t think so. Although he didn’t quite grasp the item under the Divine School, he knew a thing or two about it.

“Hahaha! Junior, you are very lucky to actually meet this Immortal Monarch. This lord is the ruler of myriad realms, the emperor of the nine heavens!” At this time, a cold voice came from the yellow cloth and declared: “If you worship this lord as your master, then this lord will help you command the nine worlds and become eternal!”

Anyone else would most likely be jumping and screaming in fear after hearing such an awe-inspiring voice from this ordinary-looking yellow cloth.

However, Li Qiye remained unperturbed. He leisurely smirked and said: “Command the nine worlds and become eternal? It is not

difficult for me to command the nine worlds, but as for being eternal...”

Having said up to this point, he couldn’t help but burst out in laughter.

Anyone else would be shaken or be extremely excited by these words as if they had found a treasure. However, Li Qiye did not budge. Who was he? He was an existence that had once commanded the nine worlds and obtained everlastingness.

“Brat, you don’t believe this lord?” The awe-inspiring voice appeared once more and said: “This lord is an existence who rules myriad realms, the supreme ruler of the nine heavens...”

“Okay, no need to pretend in front of me. Only I tease people. No one else has ever dared to tease me.” Li Qiye smirked and said: “At the moment, you are nothing but a piece of torn handkerchief in my eyes — not worth mentioning.”

It seems that this voice was enraged by Li Qiye’s response, so it shouted in a thunderous and awe-inspiring tone: “Junior, you don’t understand the immensity of the heaven and earth. Did you know, back in a distant and ancient time when the immortals were still in charge of the myriad realms...”

“Don’t act wantonly before me.” Li Qiye interrupted the voice and lightly smiled while saying: “If it was like before, when you weren’t thrown into the urn, then this yellow cloth would indeed be very devilish. But now, it just won’t do. If I am not mistaken,

this cloth had been sealed inside the urn for millions of years, and the power of its curse has already been dispelled.”

“Bah, Junior, you underestimate this lord too much. This is me dispelling the power of the curse, not your broken urn!” The voice became exasperated because of Li Qiye. It was obviously unconvinced.

Li Qiye cheerfully retorted: “Is that so? Is my urn really that useless? Very well then, I’ll put you back and wait for the day where you break out of it.” Having said that, he threw the yellow cloth back into the old urn.

“Wait, wait, everything can be negotiated and discussed. Let us have a talk.” The moment when Li Qiye was about to seal the urn again, the voice hurriedly came out from the cloth, admitting defeat.

Li Qiye chuckled and took the cloth out from the urn before revealing a faint smile: “If you don’t want to be imprisoned inside, then it would be in your best interest to not play around with me. Reveal your true form or I’ll imprison you again and throw you into the deepest parts of the sea so that you won’t be able to escape for eternity!”

“Bah, Little Devil, do not threaten this lord!” The voice was finally no longer awe-inspiring and instead became very clear.

At this time, a small figure emerged on the faded yellow cloth. This figure was very fuzzy and ethereal.

“Mmm, this is more like it.” Li Qiye looked at the faint, small shadow and sneered: “You’re clearly a little girl, yet you still dare to pretend to be an old man and refer to yourself as ‘this lord’.”

“Bah, you are the one who is a little girl!” The tiny figure on the yellow cloth was very annoyed with Li Qiye and said: “This lord is the ruler of myriad worlds, the supreme ruler of the nine heavens...”

Chapter 702: Person Inside The Yellow Cloth

“Okay, little baby, stop pretending to be old in front of me.” Li Qiye interrupted the shadow and said with a smile: “Keep putting on airs and see if I won’t throw you back into the urn or not...”

“You... What kind of man are you?” The small figure from within the cloth was shaking from anger because of Li Qiye. She raised her voice: “Making threats at every turn, have you no shame?”

“Sorry, but I am a person who never cares for face. Moreover, you are only a little shadow inside a yellow cloth right now, so why do I need to put up any facade? If I really wanted some ‘face’, then wouldn’t I use this yellow cloth to wash my face?” Replied Li Qiye with a smirk.

She seemed to be very afraid of being dirtied. It was as if Li Qiye would really use the cloth to wash his face, so she cried out: “You... You dare...!”

Li Qiye smiled and said: “Aizz, people are quite rude nowadays.”

Of course, he was only scaring her. He continued on: “You should actually be thanking me. If it wasn’t for me, then you probably would still be sealed inside the urn for who knows how many more years. So what if the urn dispelled the curse? You still wouldn’t have been able to see sunlight.”

“Bah, who said that the urn removed the curse for this lord?” The small figure from within the cloth was not convinced, and she

said: “It is this lord who dispelled that damned curse!”

Li Qiye smilingly teased: “Is that so? You dare to say that the urn didn’t contribute at all? Without this urn, you still dare to say you could have dispelled it?”

“Hmph...” The tiny figure from within the cloth grunted. Although she was not convinced, she didn’t refute him any longer.

“There is a great saying — one must repay a great debt, am I right?” Li Qiye leisurely said: “I let you see the sun again — this is akin to giving you a second chance at life. Isn’t it time for you to show your gratitude?”

“Haha, it seems that you want something nice from me.” The little shadow sneered and said: “I won’t make it hard on you, you just have to help me with something. For everything you do, I will tell you a secret until I can get out of this place.”

“I never negotiate with people. Moreover, regarding secrets, I think no one else in this world knows more than I do.” Li Qiye replied with a smile.

The small shadow snorted and said: “Is that so? What I know is beyond your knowledge. For example, the secret of the Ancient Ming.”

“Secret of the Ancient Ming?” Li Qiye laughed and responded: “That is indeed not bad. Bringing up the Ancient Ming right

away... a bit interesting.”

The small figure gloatingly said: “Hmph, those fools that year wanted to dig me out just because they wanted to find out about the ultimate secret of their race.”

She had not talked to anyone for a very long time, so although she was especially annoyed with Li Qiye, she was still willing to talk with him.

Li Qiye replied with a grin: “Do you know how the Ancient Ming was finally destroyed? Did you know that back in an ancient era, the oldest Ancient Ming geezer was dragged out by someone? Every bone in the geezer’s body was torn asunder, and this person was able to find out many secrets about the Ancient Ming from this geezer’s mouth. Do you think that you can know more than this person?”

“Hmph. Not necessarily. I am a person who knows the ultimate secret. Moreover, I know far more secrets than just that. For example, I know quite a few things about the twelve burial grounds.” The small figure retorted.

Li Qiye responded: “Mmm, I don’t doubt that. I’m sure you do know a few things.”

“At least you can recognize greatness.” The small figure didn’t give up and said: “If you help me, then for each matter, I will tell you one secret.”

“I’m sorry to say that I will not negotiate with you. Besides, if I wanted to know a few secrets, including the ultimate secret of the Ancient Ming, I do not need to learn them from you.” Li Qiye chuckled and said: “I only need you to tell me one thing, what must one do to make the writings on this yellow cloth appear?”

“You, how do you know about this?!” The small figure jumped from shock after hearing this. She was actually frightened this time.

“It’s nothing.” Li Qiye laughed and continued on: “Back when this thing was still buried in the ground, I assumed that it was evil. However, after seeing this yellow cloth, I knew right away that it was just you being cursed. The truth is that the evil presence had nothing to do with the yellow cloth, but this cloth does indeed have an incredible origin.”

Although one couldn’t clearly discern the figure of the small shadow on the yellow cloth or even her facial expression, the small shadow suddenly flinched, so one could guess that she was shaken by this comment.

“Hmph, what could you possibly know about incredible origins?” The small shadow grunted, but this made it clear that Li Qiye was on point with his comment.

Li Qiye didn’t mind her attitude at all. He chuckled while saying: “Little girl, your act can scare or trick other people, but who do you think I am? Even if your origin is amazing, I know far more things about this world than you.”

“Bah, who is a little girl?! Call me a little girl one more time and I’ll really show you who’s boss!” The small shadow was very displeased by what Li Qiye called her. Even if one couldn’t see her figure, it was clear that she was bearing her fangs at him.

However, Li Qiye ignored her protest and chuckled: “Little girl, if you are still unconvinced, then I’ll let you know something. There was once an ancient shrine that had been smashed apart, do you know what I saw inside? It was a scene where the earliest people and ancient immortals were prostrating. There were also a whole bunch of old rumors regarding a certain something. Do you know what that thing was? Someone was holding a piece of yellow silk towards the sky with myriad realms on their shoulders.”

Li Qiye paused for a moment before continuing: “Little girl, you should know that the things I have seen are beyond your imagination. Do you know what the firmament institution is? Do you know the sceneries before even the Desolate Era? Do you know how I know the situation of this yellow cloth? No matter who you may be, the locations I have been to are beyond your imagination.”

The small shadow on the cloth was clearly unconvinced and snorted: “Hmph. What’s the big deal? Bah, I have been to many places that you haven’t.”

Instead of being angered, Li Qiye cheerfully said: “Oh, then do tell, what kind of places have you been to before? I have plenty of time right now, so I would be more than happy to listen.”

“Bah, why do I have to tell you? Don’t even think about prying any secrets from me.” The small shadow sneered and acted as if she would never fall into his trap.

Li Qiye started laughing while clapping his hands together, saying: “Little girl, you think too highly of yourself. To be honest, there is no way I would force you since your old stories won’t be that interesting to me anyway.”

“You...” The little shadow was now shaking from anger. If she could escape from the cloth, then she would absolutely teach Li Qiye a good lesson.

Li Qiye continued in a relaxed manner: “Although I have no interest in your past, I actually need to know about the writings on the cloth. Therefore, if you don’t mind, tell me the method of revealing the writings on the cloth. Maybe it will also be beneficial for you.”

“Well, I do mind. Why should I tell you?” The small shadow sneered and said: “The only way I would tell you would be if you worked for me. When I am satisfied, then I will tell you the method.”

Li Qiye answered with a beaming smile: “Is that right? It seems that you still don’t understand my principles. Only I bring out the conditions, not others. Moreover, your situation of being trapped inside the cloth right now is quite unfavorable. The heavens won’t heed your cries and the earth also turns a deaf ear. Do you really think you can talk about conditions with me?”

The little shadow snorted and said: “Fine then. If you don’t do as I say, you will never obtain the writings on the cloth.”

“Mmm, good point.” Li Qiye laughed and continued: “However, little girl, there is one thing you should know. I am a person who goes to the extreme. If I can’t get something, then others shouldn’t even dream about getting it. How about this, I might as well burn this cloth and finish everything, what do you think?”

“Haha, such an overconfident brat.” The little shadow sneered: “Do you know what this cloth is? Do you think you can burn it as you please? Even if you tried for one hundred years, you still wouldn’t be able to burn it!”

“Well, that could be the case.” Li Qiye slightly nodded his head and put on a grave expression to say: “But I don’t mind trying different things. For example, my green lamp over here.”

Having said that, he placed the green lamp on the table and held the yellow cloth while cheerfully smiling: “If you don’t mind, I can try it once with my green lamp’s dark flame. This green lamp right here... Hmm, regarding its origin, it might not be any less formidable than your cloth. In my opinion, it shouldn’t have a problem burning a True Immortal to death, so I do feel that using it to destroy this cloth shouldn’t be a problem...

“Of course, I am also a very patient person. If I can’t burn it in one day, then I can burn it for five hundred years or even five thousand years. You know, I am someone who has a lot of time.

What do you think?”

Li Qiye held the cloth closer to the flickering black flame of the green lamp.

At this time, the little shadow inside the cloth became silent and still. No one knew what she was thinking.

“Before I burn this yellow cloth, do you have anything to tell me?” Li Qiye smiled and said: “I am willing to listen right now.”

However, the shadow remained silent as if she had disappeared, refusing to answer Li Qiye.

“Okay, in that case, I’ll burn it.” Li Qiye chuckled and placed the cloth on top of the black flame.

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“Stop!” Right when Li Qiye placed the cloth above the fire, a cry came from the cloth. In the end, she caved in.

Li Qiye moved the cloth away from the fire and placed it back on the table while smilingly saying: “This is more like it. A sensible person is the true hero, right?”

“You wretched, despicable, vile, nasty, shameless bastard...” The small shadow was especially unhappy with Li Qiye’s threat and unleashed a barrage of insults. It seemed that she was spewing out all the crude words she knew to paint Li Qiye as the most heinous villain in the world.

Li Qiye didn’t care at all and propped up his chin while quietly listening to her insults as if the person being cursed had nothing to do with him.

After letting it all out, the shadow finally tired and stopped. Meanwhile, Li Qiye was still as cheerful as before. He said with a smile: “If you are tired from cursing and want to stop, then please tell me the method, I am more than willing to listen.”

The shadow on the cloth scowled and said: “Hmph! Bastard, listen well, this lord will only say this once. If you don’t understand, then don’t blame me for not making it clear.”

“Please, I’m all ears.” Li Qiye wasn’t angry at all. It was rare for him to have such a good temper and joyous mood.

The shadow had no other choice. Even if she didn't want to tell Li Qiye, she still had to reveal the method to look at the words on the cloth.

After learning the method, Li Qiye immediately unfolded the cloth. In the blink of an eye, word after word from an ancient era emerged. A few archaic pictures appeared as well. Both the ancient words and pictures were records of a few extremely earth-shattering secrets of the past that were unbeknownst to all.

“Good, good, so this was the case.” Li Qiye had a dignified expression while examining the text. He would occasionally hit the table in exclamation after looking at these diagrams.

For countless years, Li Qiye knew more secrets than anyone else. For the ones without answers, he formulated his own theories regarding them. For these unknowns, he had started to find some clues, but now he was able to uncover the answers to some of them from this cloth, causing him to be extremely happy.

After carefully reading all the writings and examining all the pictures, he finally heaved a long sigh. He had already guessed some of these matters beforehand.

Li Qiye smiled and told the little shadow from within the cloth: “Maybe I can lend you a hand with your troubles.”

“Really?” The shadow was not very welcoming of Li Qiye; her cautious attitude was even more apparent. She had lost to him just

now, so how could she not be on guard towards him?

“How about you tell me your stories? For example, why are you imprisoned in this thing? Who was the one who placed such a nefarious curse on you?” Li Qiye inquired with a grin.

The shadow didn't seem to be interested and responded drily: “Who wants to tell you!”

Li Qiye continued on cheerfully: “How should I put this? Trust is built upon mutual understanding, correct? If you want to trust me, or if you want to earn my trust, then don't you think you should tell me about your past? Then, maybe I can get you off the hook.”

The small shadow replied in a cold tone: “Is that so? Wait until you can go to... that place, then we can talk again. Hmph! Even if you can reach that place, how can I trust you?”

“Aizz, I am such a good and trustworthy person, yet I have to suffer such unwarranted suspicions. This is truly hurtful.” Li Qiye movingly stated.

The shadow only snorted and didn't say anything else.

Li Qiye smiled and said: “Of course, I am a patient person, especially when it comes to certain matters. I can wait for several million years. If you think it through one day, then you can come tell me at any time and discuss it. I am a person who readily accepts good advice.”

There was no response from the cloth. It was as if the little shadow was now completely ignoring him.

Li Qiye only smiled as he put the cloth back. It was just as he said, he was a patient person. One day, the shadow would have to ask for his assistance.

After obtaining a few secrets from the cloth, Li Qiye went into seclusive cultivation for three full days. Of course, the secrets from the cloth were not merit laws, they were only some ultimate secrets that outsiders would never know.

During this time, he began scheming for a way. He required an extremely grand plan. Of course, only he would know of this grand plan.

The madam didn't want to bother him during this period. She didn't know what her Young Master was doing.

On the second day of Li Qiye's cultivation, Tie Yi finally returned and crawled out of the ground. He met the madam who was acting as a guard for Li Qiye.

"Hahaha, Your Majesty Zi Yan, please do not misunderstand. This little demon is only working for Young Noble, I am not a bad person." Tie Yi hurriedly introduced himself after noticing the extremely sharp gaze from the madam.

The madam glanced at him and slowly said: “Young Master is currently cultivating and will not be seeing anyone right now.”

“Then this lowly one will just have to wait a bit.” Tie Yi was very sensible with his response. If he acted in a way that aroused even the slightest bit of suspicion, then the madam would immediately attack him. Because of this, he obediently stayed on the other side of the valley and didn’t take any frivolous actions.

After three days passed, the squeaking of the doors signaled that Li Qiye had finally come out of his meditation. He appeared to be quite fatigued as if he had just fought a great battle against an enemy.

“Young Master, are you alright?” The madam worriedly asked after seeing his fatigued appearance.

Li Qiye only slightly shook his head. He then saw Tie Yi, who was on the other side of the valley.

“Young Noble, you finally came out!” Tie Yi immediately came to greet Li Qiye after seeing him come out and excitedly said: “This lowly one didn’t let you down and obtained some results.”

Li Qiye looked at Tie Yi for a bit before telling the madam: “Zi Yan, I am a bit busy right now. You should take a stroll to relax if you have time.”

The madam understood that her Young Master had something to

do and left without a word. Li Qiye opened the door and let Tie Yi enter.

Inside the room, Tie Yi solemnly took out a treasure box and told Li Qiye: “It was really incredible. That place was like a maze of thunder, no one can possibly take even half a step inside.” With that, he told Li Qiye everything he saw.

After listening to the story, Li Qiye’s eyes became serious as he stroked his chin and murmured: “A bit interesting, it seems that the Allpine Treefather is not having a good time.”

“Haha, this lowly one took a great risk and got something for Young Noble from there. Young Noble, take a careful look, maybe you can gain something from it.” Tie Yi raised the treasure box with both of his hands and respectfully handed it over to Li Qiye.

Li Qiye accepted the box and looked at Tie Yi, then he chuckled and said: “It seems that you are quite amazing as well. You were able to sneak inside without being detected by the forefather, and you even managed to take the item there. Such ability is extremely rare, I only know one secret art that would allow for this.”

Tie Yi wryly smiled and said: “Young Master is funny. I am only a little demon, me successfully acquiring this little thing was only due to your great fortune and protection.”

Li Qiye only smiled and didn’t respond to Tie Yi’s flattery. Afterward, he casually took out a list and handed it over to Tie Yi before speaking: “Since you work for me, I will not mistreat you.

You can count on me for your problem. The spirit medicines on this list aren't that rare; you can go gather all of them. Whether you buy or rob them, that is up to you... After that, there are one or two important leading ingredients that can only be obtained from the main vein of the Alchemy Kingdom. At that time, you will go with me to the kingdom, and after picking the missing ingredients, I will refine the medicine for you."

After hearing Li Qiye, Tie Yi became a bit jumpy. With a sluggish demeanor, he said: "To the Alchemy Kingdom? The Alchemy Vein is under the control of the imperial family."

After seeing his expression, Li Qiye looked at him again and asked: "Is there a problem?"

Tie Yi coughed and rubbed his palms together awkwardly with a slightly embarrassed expression while saying: "There is no problem, it is only that this lowly one has heard that it is not easy to meet the imperial family of the Alchemy Kingdom. I wonder if they will meet us or not."

"You don't have to worry about that. It is not up to them to decide." Li Qiye looked at Tie Yi and said: "Don't tell me you are afraid of going to the Alchemy Kingdom?"

"Ah, Young Noble has seen right through me." Tie Yi coughed and responded with an awkward demeanor: "Young Noble should know that a little demon like this lowly one has never seen the world before. My legs shake whenever I see a grand character."

Having said that, Tie Yi swallowed his saliva and forced a smile to say: “Young Noble, you should also know what kind of existence the Alchemy Kingdom is. One sect, three emperors — the most monstrous existence in the Alchemy Realm! The imperial family is unreachable like immortals up in the nine heavens.”

Li Qiye glared at him and said: “Stop blabbering and get to the point.”

Tie Yi maintained his awkward expression while responding: “Young Noble, you should know that I am only a lowly character, I will fall and defecate myself the moment I see matchless members of the imperial family. While I might not be able to get back up, Young Noble is different. You are a one-and-only genius across the ages with no peers, the most majestic and supreme of them all. What if I embarrass myself and stain your reputation?”

“Do you think that I won’t twist you like fried dough if you keep blabbering on and on?” Li Qiye gave him a look and slowly said: “I don’t want to hear this crap. I want to hear something substantial, understand?”

“Haha, Young Noble misunderstood me.” Tie Yi quickly laughed as he had no other choice. He lowered his head and honestly said: “Young Noble, you are willing to make the medicine for me; I am very grateful and will always remember this in my heart. However, I am only a little demon and do not have the courage to enter the Alchemy Kingdom. How about Young Noble let me wait outside the Alchemy Kingdom’s border until after Young Noble grabs those ingredients, then we’ll reconvene?”

Chapter 704: Tie Yi's Secret Past

After hearing the ant, Li Qiye scanned him from top to bottom and slowly said: “So you have been to the Alchemy Kingdom before? I am quite interested to hear about how you became enemies with its imperial family.”

The Alchemy Kingdom was a behemoth, but its imperial family was even more mysterious and unreachable. Fewer than few could meet its members, let alone create a feud with them. Ordinary characters were not qualified to do so.

“This is absolutely a misunderstanding.” Tie Yi jumped and quickly explained: “Young Noble, you’re just imagining it. I am just a little nobody. Even if I was ten times more courageous, no, one hundred times more courageous, I still wouldn’t dare to become enemies with the Alchemy Kingdom!”

“Is that so? Then are you saying that the Alchemy Kingdom’s imperial family is a group that would act antagonistically towards a little demon for no good reason at all?” Li Qiye chuckled and said: “Also, what should I say regarding this little demon who caused trouble for the imperial family yet is still alive and well till this day? Is this indicative of the imperial family’s incompetence or you being incredible?”

He paused for a moment before continuing: “The more I think about it, the more I want to take you to the Alchemy Kingdom. Think about it, a behemoth like the kingdom couldn’t do anything to a little demon. How weak and incompetent does this make them? I am someone who loves to slap others in the face, so I’ll

take you to its imperial family and we'll teach them a good lesson so that everyone will know about their incompetence. They can't even deal with one little demon, so what is this about one sect having three Immortal Emperors and four Alchemy Emperors? This is obviously only a fake reputation. Yep, that's a good idea, we'll do that then." He cheerfully smiled while staring at Tie Yi after finishing his blurb.

Tie Yi's expression paled while he listened as his legs turned weak, nearly falling to the ground. He quickly responded: "My little ancestor, my boss, my master, please spare this little demon. If you drag me to the imperial family, isn't this the same as taking my little life? Even if I have nine lives, it still wouldn't be enough, yah!"

Li Qiye beamingly smiled and said: "Mmm, all right, so how about we talk for real now? A conversation between people this time, you know?"

Tie Yi was now out of options, so he lowered his head and weakly said: "What does Young Noble want to know? This lowly one will tell you everything."

Li Qiye cheerfully said: "Mmm, I do hope that you will spill everything you know. However, this isn't that important, you already know that I am a very patient, gentle, and peace-loving person, right?"

The way Li Qiye said this left Tie Yi horrified. Of course, he knew what would happen when Li Qiye told others about how peace-loving he is.

“Young Noble, you have to believe me. I will definitely tell you everything I know without hiding anything. As long as it is something you want to know, I will not utter a single false word. I swear upon my ancestor’s honor.” Tie Yi hurriedly vowed.

“Stop there, I don’t know who your ancestor is.” Li Qiye smilingly said: “Plus, if you actually came from an iron ant, then your ancestor is probably another ant or something. Using his honor to swear really makes me question the authenticity of your statement.”

“Fine, Young Noble, this lowly one gives up. What does Young Noble want to know?” Tie Yi helplessly accepted his fate.

Li Qiye looked at Tie Yi and smirked before speaking: “Nothing big, really. I’m only curious about what you stole from the Alchemy Kingdom’s imperial family.”

“Hahaha, Young Noble.” Tie Yi coughed and quickly rubbed his palms together, saying: “Young Noble misunderstood again. I, I only happened to be passing by, just passing by, and saw a few items left on the floor, so I conveniently picked them up. I definitely did not steal them! I didn’t do it on purpose since I thought they didn’t belong to anyone.”

Li Qiye glanced at him dismissively and said: “Mmm, makes sense, you only picked it up. I know you didn’t mean to. How could this count as stealing if you only picked it up from the ground, right?”

“Hahaha, Young Noble is so wise and full of wisdom, this lowly one knew right away that Young Noble would have a different view on this. So supreme and unparalleled, the contemporary number one, ordinary people can’t compare to your unique take on the world.” Tie Yi quickly tried to curry favor with Li Qiye.

Li Qiye said with a grin: “However, if my memories do not fail me, then the Alchemy Kingdom’s Immortal Pond... hmm, it should be growing something, what was it? What was that thing called, eh? I can’t seem to remember right now.”

“How do you know that!” After hearing this, Tie Yi’s expression greatly changed as he staggered two steps backward and stared at Li Qiye as if he was a ghost.

Li Qiye slowly gazed over at him and asked: “So, the thing the imperial family was growing inside that pond was really that important?”

Tie Yi involuntarily swallowed and couldn’t help but nod his head while saying: “Extremely important, completely priceless, at least, to this lowly one that is.”

“You see, it is not that difficult to admit, right? Stealing a few things, no, picking up a few things from the Alchemy Kingdom’s imperial family — this really is just an ordinary matter.” Li Qiye stated with a smile.

“My little ancestor...” Tie Yi was actually scared this time. He

jumped up before waving his hands in denial and said: “Young Noble, you, you really got it wrong this time. This lowly one is saying that, for an existence like the Alchemy Kingdom, any of their treasures would be priceless. This lowly one swears that I didn’t steal that item because if I did, the Alchemy Kingdom would definitely flip over the entire Stone Medicine World to find it.”

Li Qiye looked at Tie Yi for a while before chuckling and said: “I’m also sure that you didn’t steal that thing, but don’t tell me that you didn’t think about it. You tried to but were unsuccessful, so you stole other items instead since you were already there.”

With a bitter expression, Tie Yi wryly laughed and responded: “This... I’m not entirely to blame, right? Me? I am only a little ant that likes to burrow underground. One day, I accidentally burrowed all the way to the Alchemy Vein next to that pond. I didn’t think that I would actually reach that place, I only wanted to see if there were any gems down there or not.”

“Mmm, right, I believe you. You didn’t do it on purpose, it was just a careless accident, that’s all. Everyone here understands this.” Li Qiye smilingly agreed.

Tie Yi coughed and replied: “So Young Noble can understand this too. Anyone, no matter who they might be, will have their souls drawn in at the sight of that thing. Their legs would be nailed and they themselves would lose all desire to leave. My soul also left my body at that time from temptation. I just wanted to take a look and nothing else. Suddenly, someone rushed in and mistook me for a thief.”

“So afterward, you conveniently stole a few items from them. No, we have to say that it was casually picking up a few items that the imperial family threw away carelessly.” Li Qiye responded.

Tie Yi could only stand there in embarrassment and didn't say anything else.

“However, I do agree with you on one point.” Li Qiye laughed and said: “The thing that the Alchemy Kingdom is growing in that pond is absolutely unfathomable. Anyone would lose their mind after seeing it; very few would be able to stay calm.”

“Great minds think alike.” Tie Yi hurriedly added and put on an appearance as if he had just met a true friend: “Young Noble is completely right. That thing, it is really amazing. There is a reason why the Alchemy Kingdom is able to own the Alchemy Vein of the Stone Medicine World; even an Immortal Emperor would covet such a thing.

“Ah, hehe, Young Noble, when we go to the Alchemy Kingdom, does Young Noble want to go take a look at that thing?” Tie Yi laughed after speaking. He was trying to urge Li Qiye, so he added: “You know, that thing is really beautiful. You will definitely love it after seeing it.”

Li Qiye glanced at him and asked: “Are you trying to get me to steal that thing from the imperial family?”

“No, no, no.” Tie Yi hurriedly said: “How can we use the word ‘steal’ when it comes to such an amazing existence? It sounds too

vulgar. We have to say borrow, no, it's more like it is meant for those who are destined. Young Noble is a matchless supreme deity; you are someone who will appear only once across the eons. Only a talent like Young Noble is qualified to have such a thing, not anyone else."

"When you praise me like that, I actually feel pretty good and want to nod my head." He then paused and coldly glared at Tie Yi while continuing: "However, if you want to persuade me to steal it, then forget it. I am someone who is always just and honorable. If I wanted to take that thing from the imperial family, why would I need to steal? I would just directly talk to them about it."

"What if the imperial family refuses to give it up?" Tie Yi couldn't help but ask.

"Refuse to give it up?" Li Qiye arched his lips and revealed a smirk to say: "No problem. They would have to excuse me then since I would have to openly rob them."

Tie Yi had to lower his head after hearing these words; he was at a complete loss. Only this person ahead would dare to say such a line.

For countless ages, no one had ever dared to rob the Alchemy Kingdom, but this man ahead revealed his intention of doing so in such a light manner as if it was only a trivial matter, something not enough to reach the apex.

Chapter 705: Scheme

“Right, if I remember correctly.” At this time, Li Qiye seemed to recall something and looked at Tie Yi to say: “There is also an item, an amazing item in the Serene Garden. Don’t tell me you didn’t simply go there to ask Caihe for medicines. You also wanted to steal that thing, right?”

“No, no, absolutely not.” Tie Yi immediately denied this accusation: “Young Noble, Fairy Yuan is my savior. I engraved her kindness in the depths of my heart for all of eternity, so how could I steal from the Serene Garden?”

“Really now?” Li Qiye remarked in a flat tone while still staring straight at Tie Yi as if he had nowhere to hide.

With Li Qiye’s eyes fixed on him like this, Tie Yi shuddered and lowered his head, forcing out a smile to say: “Haha, I can’t hide it from Young Noble, I really had that thought back then. However, Fairy Yuan is a kind person, a real goddess. She saw my grave injuries and immediately treated me without any question; she even gave me some incredible medicines. I will always keep this life debt in my heart and will definitely not commit any immoral acts at the Serene Garden.”

“I see.” Li Qiye slightly nodded and said: “I hope you are telling the truth, but it really doesn’t matter. I just want to let you know that whether it is the Serene Garden or Caihe, you better be smart and don’t try anything foolish. Otherwise, let alone someone of your strength, even if you were an Immortal Emperor, I would still look for opportunities to end you!”

This remark was presented in a calm manner, but even someone like Tie Yi was frightened. He didn't doubt Li Qiye's words since he knew, very well, that Li Qiye was someone who could back them up!

After a moment of contemplation, Tie Yi calmed down and looked at Li Qiye before laughing: "Young Noble must like Fairy Yuan? In my opinion, she likes Young Noble as well."

"Like?" Li Qiye smiled and looked towards the far distance. Eventually, he gently sighed and said: "I like many things in this world, too many to count in fact, so in the end, I don't know what I truly like."

"It's no problem as long as Young Noble likes it. Does Young Noble want this lowly one to be a helper? Creating a romantic atmosphere or something like that... This lowly one will definitely do a good job so that Young Noble can meet Fairy Yuan whenever you wish." Tie Yi quickly tried to match Li Qiye together with Yuan Caihe.

Li Qiye only laughed at Tie Yi's attempt to pull strings and said: "You really look down on me too much. If I want to court a woman, do I really need help from someone else? I would just directly win them over. Is there a woman in this world whom I, Li Qiye, cannot conquer?"

"Yes, that is only a matter of course." Tie Yi quickly sucked up to Li Qiye and said: "Young Noble is outstanding and able to tread

proudly through the era. With Young Noble's dragon-among-men features, people would adore you and flowers would bloom wherever you look..."

Li Qiye looked at him with one eye and motioned with his hand to say: "Okay, stop sucking up here, go and prepare the medicinal ingredients!"

Tie Yi acknowledged this command and laughed before turning away to leave. He dug down into the ground and instantly disappeared without a trace. Who knows if it was because he was an iron ant or not. In short, he especially liked to dig holes and travel underground. It would be more accurate if he was a rat instead of an iron ant. Only a rat would love to dig holes and move around underground like this.

After Tie Yi was gone, Li Qiye opened his box and noticed that inside was a group of sealed lights. Upon a closer look, it was not light but a group of lightning bolts.

They were in constant motion but were far from being simple lightning bolts. When he looked again, he found that inside this group of bolts hid a great amount of runes as if the mysteries of the world were inside.

"Not bad, a group of lightning bolts appearing in a place like this... It is truly not easy to find." Li Qiye looked at the lightning bolts and was immediately drawn in by them. Time and time again, he pondered over the runes inside.

After meticulous contemplation, he finally succeeded in deriving some clues from within the runes.

“Allpine Treefather, you actually managed to obtain such a great fortune that year...” He murmured after understanding those clues.

He gazed towards the far distance and suddenly fell silent while thinking about someone, a person who he didn’t want to think about too much.

“One will always need to make a choice regarding a few things in this world.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but sigh and say: “No matter what, you are still the one I’m most proud of out of all the Immortal Emperors I have groomed.”

His expression sank after saying this. The emotions of the past were overwhelming. There was too much frustration; even though he had impeccable means, there were still things that made him feel helpless and forced him to make a choice.

Li Qiye shook his head, composing himself as he didn’t want to think about the past any longer. He focused his mind on this group of lightning bolts instead. He was not satisfied with just deriving the runes inside the bolts since he needed much more.

This small group of lightning bolts actually had an unbelievable origin, and with it were a frightening catastrophe. Very few people in the world had actually managed to see this type of lightning.

However, Li Qiye had seen it before, it belonged to an extremely powerful tribulation. Although opening it was not an easy matter, he still had absolute confidence in himself.

In order to solve the mysteries, Li Qiye spent two days thinking. Meanwhile, Madam Zi Yan didn't want to disturb him, so she stayed by the door for his protection. It wasn't until the evening that she left for a moment.

A bit after her departure, Li Qiye finally managed to solve the riddles behind these bolts and revealed a faint smile.

At this time, Tie Yi quickly rushed in and stammered: "Not good, not good."

"What happened for you to be so alarmed? Is someone chasing you?" Li Qiye slowly asked after seeing the panicking Tie Yi.

The ant quickly responded: "I'm not being chased, but something happened to Madam Zi Yan."

"What about Zi Yan?" After hearing this, Li Qiye immediately stood up while revealing a fierce glare. She was still outside just a moment ago and it hadn't been long since she departed.

"She is being surrounded by experts from several great lineages like the Heavenhoof Ravine, the Huangfu Clan, and the Radiant-Sea Sect at a mountain not far from here." Tie Yi hastily answered.

A terrifying murderous intent appeared in Li Qiye's fierce glare, causing Tie Yi to shiver next to him. He felt as if Li Qiye resembled a terrifying god of death with a momentum capable of killing devils and immortals.

"Some people are really tired of living." Li Qiye slowly said: "Daring to touch my people... It seems that if I am not dyed with blood, some people won't come to realize what death is."

Having said that, he immediately left the room. Tie Yi, who was still quivering, suddenly saw a scene of a sea of blood towering into the sky, creating a horrifying spectacle. After calming down, he immediately followed Li Qiye.

On a mountain not far from the valley, Madam Zi Yan was being surrounded by a group of people, the majority consisting gray-haired experts of the previous generation. Their divine rings were out and emitting a bright radiance. All of them had frightening auras.

The Radiant-Sea Alchemy Saint, Heavenhoof Elders, and high elders from the Huangfu Clan... All of them were famous Heavenly Kings from the previous generation. As for the young people present, there were those who stood out, such as the Dragon Princess.

At this time, there were two corpses down by Madam Zi Yan's feet. They were both young; no one could recognize one of the corpses, but from his clothing, it had to be a disciple from the ravine. The other dead youth was also quite renowned as a young alchemist; he was the person who became enemies with Li Qiye

two days ago, the Vinepill King.

However, those two were not killed by the madam. Originally, the madam was protecting Li Qiye inside the valley when she suddenly found something was amiss and immediately gave chase until the valley's entrance. She noticed that a Heavenhoof disciple was sneaking around with a companion, the Vinepill King.

However, the king was already dead at that time. It only seemed as if they were entering the valley together. This disciple seemed to want to bring the dead king into Li Qiye's valley, but he didn't expect to be caught by the madam the moment he made it to the entrance.

He was scared out of his wits the moment he saw the madam and immediately carried the king's body and ran. They made it to this mountain not far from the valley.

The madam sensed something was amiss and immediately followed them. However, the moment she made it to the mountain, she found that the disciple had been killed as well.

She realized that things were going south. It was an obvious trap so she tried to escape right away, but famous Heavenly Kings like the Alchemy Saint emerged all of a sudden.

She wanted to break through the blockade, but the powerful Heavenly Kings among this group immediately halted her retreat with their collective effort.

There were guests everywhere at Alpine Mountain, so their conflict drew in many people. The moment they saw the group trapping the madam, many of them quivered inside and knew that a big event had occurred.

Chapter 706: Plenty Of Ways To Frame Someone

However, no matter who they might be, no one dared to say a word. This matter involved powerful existences like the Huangfu Clan, the Radiant-Sea Sect, and the Heavenhoof Ravine, so no one dared to utter anything carelessly.

The Radiant-Sea Sect was an imperial lineage with great prestige in the Alchemy Realm. It was needless to say about the ravine since it was one sect with two emperors. Ever since the Alchemy Kingdom, the Jianlong Clan, and the Beastmaster Citadel became more seclusive, the ravine became even more famous. At this time, they were also the most tyrannical lineage. Those who offended them would meet a very bad end.

The trapped madam immediately knew that this was a trap that she had carelessly fallen into. She also understood that this trap was not meant for her, but her Young Master. However, she had inadvertently ruined their scheme, so the enemies improvised and trapped her instead.

Ultimately, she was still a great Demon King, a ruler of a country, so she could remain calm. She glanced around at the Alchemy Saint's group. She knew that the matter today would not end peacefully because her enemies were not just one or two people, but several great powers that even included an imperial lineage! Without a doubt, this plan had been in the works for a while.

“Madam Zi Yan, you are truly vicious!” The Heavenhoof Elder who was also the master of the Vinepill King cried out: “My

disciple only made a bet against you guys, yet you held this grievance and cruelly murdered him today. Is there no justice?!”

The elder put on a sorrowful display as if he was particularly stricken with sadness after losing his beloved disciple.

The alerted guests were quite shaken after hearing this. Killing a Heavenhoof disciple was an earth-shattering matter. Moreover, the Vinepill King was one of the most loved disciples of the ravine!

“Elder Fu, I didn’t kill your disciple, cease your accusation.” The madam deepened her voice. Despite being caught in an ambush, she could still retain her calmness due to her great experience.

“Madam Zi Yan, the evidence is as clear as day, the corpse of my disciple and his alchemy helper are right there below your feet, yet you still want to argue?” Elder Fu from the ravine declared solemnly.

“As clear as day?” The madam coldly responded: “They were already dead when I arrived here. In fact, your group appearing right when I found these corpses is quite a coincidence. Too much of a coincidence.”

“What do you mean, Madam Zi Yan?” The chief high elder from the Huangfu Clan retorted: “I, along with Brother Fu and the Alchemy Saint, had planned to discuss the dao tonight while watching the moon. We brought along our disciples so that they could get to know each other as well. Who would have thought that the moment we got here, we saw you killing our nephews!”

“Madam Zi Yan, was it not enough for you and that little animal Li to scheme against our Huangfu descendant?” The high elder added in an awe-inspiring manner: “Are there no bounds to your cruelty? For anyone who ever offended you two, is there no end until they are all dead? Do you choose to not obey the laws of this world?”

“While all of you are so certain that I killed these two, where is the evidence?” The madam drily replied while standing calmly before her enemies.

“The evidence is right below your feet! Is it not evident that his corpse is laying right there beside you?!” The Heavenhoof Elder raised his voice: “Madam Zi Yan, even though you are a great Demon King, you should know that death is the punishment for murder!”

“Brother Fu, something’s not right about this matter. Perhaps not everything is as we see it.” The Alchemy Saint slowly spoke at this time: “Everyone knows that Royal Lord Zi Yan listens to Li Qiye. I’m afraid the royal lord wouldn’t dare to take charge of something like this, this has to be her taking orders from him.”

“Your words are not without reason.” The high elder from the Huangfu Clan silently pondered for a moment before gravely speaking to the madam: “Madam Zi Yan, you should know that this is not a trivial matter. Killing a disciple of the ravine is akin to opposing the ravine! Don’t tell me that you wish for war between the Giant Bamboo Country and the ravine just because of that Li Qiye?”

The Alchemy Saint acted as the mediator and spoke: “Madam Zi Yan, if you were forced to kill them because of Li Qiye, then before this matter escalates to the point of no return, you still have a choice. As long as you hand over the real culprit, Li Qiye, you will be able to make up for this crime. At that time, Brother Fu and I can intercede for you so that the ravine will not put the blame on your country seeing as how the real mastermind is Li Qiye.” The alchemist finished with a cough.

The spectators were watching with bated breaths. No one dared to involve themselves in such a matter because if this took a turn for the worse, it might result in an all-out war between the two countries!

“You are right.” The Huangfu High Elder coldly added: “Madam Zi Yan, the mastermind is Li Qiye, he is the real culprit. We cannot allow for such a villain to be outside of the law! If you are willing to tell the truth, then maybe the ravine will let this matter go. This matter is no joke. It is not wise for the Giant Bamboo Country to go to war with the ravine.”

The madam had already guessed that this was a plot against her Young Master from the very beginning, and now, this scene confirmed her speculation.

The madam snorted and shook her head, saying: “I do pity the Vinepill King. As a disciple of the ravine, he was forced to be offered as a sacrifice in the end. Even if he was a disciple of the elder, in the end, he was discarded as a pawn. It is so pitiful to come from a lineage like this. I’m afraid that even upon his death,

he still didn't know what had happened.”

“Madam Zi Yan, what are you trying to say?!” The Heavenhoof Elder shouted: “You murdered my disciples yet you still dare to spew false accusations towards my ravine?! Madam Zi Yan, you really think that your country is powerful enough to be so lawless? You really think that your country can do as it pleases just because of your Divine Guardian?”

“Lawless?” At this time, a laid-back voice interjected: “There is no need for the Giant Bamboo Country to act lawlessly. I am the one who is above the law, and since I am the law, I am the heavens.”

At this time, a person reached the top of the mountain; it was Li Qiye. Tie Yi followed right behind him, terrified. He was hiding right behind Li Qiye as if he was afraid of being stepped on.

“Li Qiye!” Upon seeing him, the Heavenhoof Elder's group cried out and immediately rushed to him.

And it wasn't just his group. In an instant, the Alchemy Saint and the Huangfu High Elder along with a large group of experts all rushed forward and immediately surrounded him in many layers.

The madam who was trapped earlier was immediately forgotten. Judging by their actions, it seemed that Li Qiye was the real culprit.

Some of the guests were now quivering, especially the famous ones with great status; they felt that something was about to happen.

The Heavenhoof Elder shouted: “Li! You killed my disciple, hand your life over!”

Li Qiye could still retain his cool and leisurely demeanor despite being surrounded. He looked at the elder and smilingly said: “Oh? The Vinepill King is dead? That is a surprise for me.”

“Li! You know this full well!” The Alchemy Saint raised his tone: “The Vinepill King only betted against you and used a few unpleasant words. However, you actually held a grudge and ordered Royal Lord Zi Yan to kill him. Someone as vicious as you who slays fellow daoists is unforgivable!”

“Yeah?” Li Qiye couldn’t keep himself from laughing. He leisurely responded: “It was only a disciple from the ravine, what’s the big deal? Do I need to order someone else if I wanted to take his life? I could easily crush him with a slight touch. Moreover, this Vinepill King, if I wanted to kill him, I would already have done so two days ago, so why would I have given him a chance to leave?”

“Excuses!” The Heavenhoof Elder shouted: “Do you think people will believe your explanation? It is as clear as day that my disciple was killed by Madam Zi Yan! She is your follower and obeys you without question, so only you could have commanded her to kill him!”

“So it is this type of play.” Li Qiye didn’t give a damn. He didn’t mind even if these elders accused him of killing the Vinepill King. He brought his arms in front of his chest and acted as if he was watching a fun play while telling these elders: “I really do think the truth is just as you said... Since all of you are so into your roles, I’ll join in this play as well. However, acting is quite difficult. Moreover, killing your own disciple just for this play is even more difficult, am I right? All right, I killed your disciple, the Vinepill King, how do you all want to catch me?” Li Qiye acted as if he was without a care at this moment.

The madam couldn’t help but quiver. Her Young Master knew that this was a conspiracy, yet he still chose to jump right in. She wanted to say something, but Li Qiye waved his sleeve and stopped her.

“The punishment for murder is death!” The Heavenhoof Elder shouted: “You killed my disciple, so blood for blood and life for life!”

“Brother Fu, calm down, calm down a bit.” The Alchemy Saint hurriedly interjected: “We are not unreasonable people who can’t tell right from wrong. Li Qiye, the way you said it, do you think we are setting you up?”

The Alchemy Saint cleared his throat and continued slowly: “Although the Vinepill King’s death is as clear as day, we will give you a chance to a fair trial. Plus, we are here to celebrate the treefather’s birthday, so it is not good to spill blood here.”

“Oh, so to say, I should be thanking all of you for your kindness

and merciful ways?” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Good, then a fair trial it is, what do I have to do?”

This response didn't only surprise the Alchemy Saint's group, many spectating guests on the side were also astonished.

Chapter 707: The Play

The Alchemy Saint's crowd actually thought that Li Qiye would keep on denying the claim or make up excuses or even push this crime onto Madam Zi Yan. They didn't expect Li Qiye to fall into this trap so easily, so they had prepared many different methods to force him into submission.

However, Li Qiye agreeing and readily jumping into their trap caused them to be unable to carry out their best schemes.

The spectators were astounded as well. Admitting to killing Heavenhoof disciples was a heinous crime. A light punishment would be death, a grave one would be sect-destruction.

Everyone could see that Li Qiye still had a chance to refute, yet he chose not to and directly admitted to the accusation. This was too irrational; was Li Qiye confused?

Even the madam found this to be unexpected. She didn't know what her Young Master was planning. Could he have an even better plan to counter the opponents?

Him directly admitting to the act left the Alchemy Saint's group at a loss; they didn't know what to do. From their perspective, this was simply too illogical!

The Alchemy Saint composed himself and cleared his throat to say: "Both our Radiant-Sea Sect and the ravine are reasonable. We will not wrongly accuse others. Although the punishment for

murder is one's death, we will give you a fair chance. Before the trial, our three great sects, including the Huangfu Clan, will take you into custody. After the end of the celebration, we will give you a fair trial.”

Li Qiye chuckled after hearing what the Alchemy Saint had to say. To all of these powers, revenge was only a ruse. It was clear that they simply coveted his treasures.

Li Qiye had revealed his hand back at Dao-sense Peak and made many people realize that a prodigal son like Li Qiye had countless treasures, including king medicines and emperor medicines. Both treasures and herbs were things that made people salivate.

However, the thing that his opponent craved even more was Li Qiye's supreme alchemy skill.

The Radiant-Sea Sect and the ravine were already powerful enough with a dao system from Immortal Emperors. However, the dao of alchemy was not their forte since they lacked systems passed down by Alchemy Emperors.

This was especially true for the ravine since its ambition was great. If they could steal Li Qiye's supreme dao of alchemy, then maybe they would be able to produce an Alchemy Emperor in the future. This would allow them to have the capability to compete against the behemoth that is the Alchemy Kingdom.

Because of this, the ravine wanted nothing more than to seize Li Qiye's method. This was the thing that they coveted and required

the most. In fact, his skill was why the Heavenhoof Elder was able to throw away his disciple, the Vinepill King, like a pawn. As long as they could obtain his supreme alchemy method, so what if they lost one disciple?

The group didn't want to kill Li Qiye right away with this trap, they only wanted to capture him alive and force out his treasures along with the alchemy method until he has nothing left!

The Alchemy Saint's suggestion seemed fair and impartial to the point where he seemed to be mediating for Li Qiye and the ravine. However, the truth was that his intent was extremely sinister and vicious!

Many eyes were fixated on Li Qiye at this moment, especially the great big shots whose eyes were flickering rapidly.

At this place, no one was stupid, especially the rulers and lords of their own domains. Which one of them wasn't a sly fox? The moment they saw Li Qiye, a few of them were already able to guess the scheme of his opponents.

However, no one dared to expose this conspiracy because to do so at this key moment was akin to becoming enemies with the Radiant-Sea Sect and the ravine.

Many people had the same thoughts. Innumerable treasures and spirit medicines, a supreme dao of alchemy, either of these would be enough to excite people. If they could capture Li Qiye alive, they wouldn't hesitate to squeeze every last drop out of him.

Li Qiye smiled cheerfully and asked: “So, should I be thanking you for being so merciful?”

The Alchemy Saint coughed as he replied: “There is no need for that. Young people will always make mistakes, so nothing could be better than turning back time. If you obediently let us take you in, then out of consideration for your repentance, we of the Radiant-Sea Sect will ask the ravine to give you a chance to start over on the day of the trial. Brother Fu, what do you think?”

“Hmph!” The Heavenhoof Elder acted as if nothing could calm him down. He snorted and coldly replied: “Because the Alchemy Saint is asking in his stead, if this little animal gives up now, then I can give him a chance for a fair trial. Otherwise, blood will be paid with blood!”

“I have been moved after hearing your words. At this moment, I feel as if I am the worst sinner, and dying ten thousand times still wouldn’t be enough for atonement.”

The Huangfu High Elder coldly spoke: “Hmph. To realize this now is not a bad thing, it shows that you can still be saved. If you admit your mistakes now and choose to repent, then despite the fact that you murdered our descendant, our clan can still show benevolence and give you a fair trial as well as a second chance. Turn yourself in — this is your only way out!”

At this time, the Alchemy Saint and the Heavenhoof Elder were both glaring at Li Qiye. In their eyes, he was nothing more than a

piece of fat meat, a priceless treasure trove, so they couldn't carelessly take action. They wanted to capture him alive instead of causing an accident. If Li Qiye died, then everything would have been meaningless!

"I see..." Li Qiye appeared to be wavering. He looked a bit hesitant as if he was struggling internally.

Meanwhile, his opponents all watched him with bated breaths. For them, nothing could be better than Li Qiye obediently accepting his captivity. As a result, there would be no disturbance at Alpine Mountain, and they would also have captured him alive!

Many guests were full of anticipation as well. However, they all had different thoughts and intents. A few of them didn't want Li Qiye to go down without a fight because, by doing so, he would fall into the hands of the opposing group; this would mean that other people wouldn't be able to get a cut.

There were also guests who could see through this conspiracy and wanted to remind Li Qiye to not fall for this trickery. However, these kind guests didn't dare to open their mouths at this moment. There was a great saying: to stop someone's path to fortune was akin to killing their fathers and stealing their wives; it would be an irreconcilable feud!

By interfering with the business of the ravine, it would absolutely bring about a catastrophe, so no one was willing to take such a risk.

The madam, on the other hand, naturally didn't believe that her Young Master would be stirred by a few words from the Alchemy Saint, so she didn't say anything. Her Young Master had his own plans, and she didn't want to ruin them.

"I've thought it through now." Said Li Qiye as he clapped his hands while smiling.

These words left the Alchemy Saint's group heaving sighs of relief. They didn't have to do a single thing, Li Qiye gave up right away. This was the best possible outcome for them.

"Acknowledging one's mistakes and repenting is a good thing." The Alchemy Saint revealed a smile and added: "Don't worry, the Radiant-Sea Sect and the Heavenhoof Ravine are imperial lineages with reputations to uphold, we will certainly give you a fair trial."

"No, I think you are mistaken." Li Qiye shook his head and smilingly continued: "I was trying to say that if I am a heinous villain who will never be able to atone for my sins, then why should I change my ways? How great is it to be a bad guy? How free is it to be a brute? To be able to kill whoever you desire, to destroy whoever you please — what could be better than this?"

This response immediately dazed the Alchemy Saint's group. They quickly became furious as fierce gazes were directed at Li Qiye, wishing to cut him into a million pieces.

They finally understood that from beginning to end, Li Qiye was only toying with them!

The guests wanted to laugh after seeing how the Alchemy Saint's group was played by Li Qiye and were pleased to see them suffer. However, they had to suppress their laughter since they didn't want to offend the ravine.

Li Qiye smiled leisurely and gazed at the Alchemy Saint's group to say: "To me, all of you are nothing. In my eyes, the dead Vinepill King isn't even equal to a fart. Whether it was a conspiracy or if I actually killed him, it doesn't matter to me because all of you, along with him lying dead on the ground, don't mean shit. I just wanted to play along with you since you wanted to lure me into a pit, that's all. As for the crime of murder, you can announce it as you please. Don't just mention killing this lowly Vinepill King, even if you all accused me of massacring countless races, robbing and stealing, raping and pillaging... I simply wouldn't care."

At this point, Li Qiye laughed and added: "It appears that all of you thought too highly of yourselves and thought that I would give in. In fact, in my eyes, all of you are no different from the dead. I just wanted to tell all of you that you should never touch a woman on my side. Anyone who dares to do so will die without a grave!"

After finishing his declaration, he turned and smiled to ask the madam: "Zi Yan, what do you think is the best way for them to die? Tearing them into pieces or incinerating them? Or should I crush them into a paste?"

All of the guests became silly after hearing this. This was the same as declaring war against the ravine — such unbridled arrogance!

The Alchemy Saint's group was shaking with anger, their fury knew no bounds. They had the urge to tear Li Qiye into countless pieces!

Chapter 708: Immortal Devouring Evil Jar

“Little animal, I will grind your bones into dust and tear you to pieces!” The Heavenhoof Elder was livid after being mocked like this by Li Qiye; his expression was unsightly to the extreme. He roared as his blood energy became as vast as an ocean. The moment he took a step forward, others would feel as if the world was collapsing. A terrifying momentum appeared, causing people to feel as if their bodies were about to burst.

“Wow, incredible. Even though Elder Fu specializes in alchemy, his cultivation is quite scary as well. He’s actually a Myriad King! If he could take a step forward to become a Life King and defeat his Life Reduction, then he would be able to live for another ten thousand years.” Many cultivators standing to the side became emotional after seeing the Heavenhoof Elder take action.

The ravine had many characters like this Elder Fu. Moreover, he was far from being the strongest among its elders, and yet he was already a Myriad King. This was enough to show how powerful the ravine was.

When Elder Fu was approaching Li Qiye, a cold scowl appeared on his face. The madam stepped forward and instantly soared through the crowd to act as a shield in front of Li Qiye.

“Elder Fu, if you want to fight, then I will entertain you.” Madam Zi Yan, who was always benevolent, was now fierce and decisive. Despite her gentle nature, she was still decisive when it mattered due to being a great Demon King!

Elder Fu stared at the madam and slowly said: “Madam Zi Yan, although you have become a Demon King with great prestige in the Alchemy Realm, you need to know your own strength! Your power, at best, is only at the Thousand King’s realm. Do you think you can handle all of us on your own? Even if the Alchemy Saint and the others do not get involved, I alone am more than enough to take you down!”

At this point, the eager crowd was watching to see how this storm would end.

Although the words of Elder Fu came out contemptuously, they were not without logic. The madam was the ruler of a country and was extremely brilliant and powerful among her generation. It was incredible that she was able to reach the Heavenly King realm at such an age.

Nevertheless, her cultivation was indeed not as strong as Elder Fu’s. Moreover, he was an elder from the previous generation. Whether it was his battle prowess or experience, they were all superior to the madam’s. In addition, he was an elder from an imperial lineage and cultivated emperor laws. This was something that normal great powers couldn’t compare to.

The Alchemy Saint raised his voice and declared: “Madam Zi Yan, all of us respect you as a king. However, a villain like Li Qiye is not worthy of your protection. His wanton actions are outrageous. A cruel and vicious person like him should be severely punished. You have to give the ravine an answer for him murdering the Vinepill King. Give the people of this world an answer as well!”

The Huangfu High Elder also snorted and coldly added: “Madam Zi Yan, although your cultivation is not bad, don’t forget that even though you are a Thousand King, it is not much compared to Brother Fu.”

The Alchemy Saint’s group all wanted to capture Li Qiye alive. A dead Li Qiye was of no value to them; only by capturing him alive would they be able to maximize his value. They naturally didn’t hope for the madam to take action. Although they were certain of defeating her, if Li Qiye were able to escape, that would make it more problematic.

“Is that so? Since this is the case, I would like to try the emperor laws from the ravine.” The madam calmly spoke. Although she was a woman, she was still able to uphold an entire realm by herself. She stood before Li Qiye with an impregnable momentum.

“Such a big tone, I also want to see if the Giant Bamboo Country has anything special in its repertoire!” With a cold expression, Elder Fu took a step forward, accompanied by his destructive aura.

The madam’s eyes became serious as a violet aura rushed to the sky like a towering, purple bamboo tree. She slowly spoke: “Since all of you wish to follow this through, then we’ll end it here. All of you, come together so that we don’t have to waste time.”

This bold statement caused many people to glance at each other. Many knew that the Giant Bamboo Country had always maintained a low profile and didn’t compete with the world.

However, the madam was now challenging the Radiant-Sea Sect, the Heavenhoof Ravine, and the Huangfu Clan just because of a junior named Li Qiye. How domineering was this?!

“Madam Zi Yan, you are too arrogant! You think you alone can challenge all of us?” The Huangfu High Elder immediately became angry. Her actions were simply shaming him, so he uttered: “Just I, alone, am enough to take you down!”

“Omm—” However, a buzzing sound appeared at this split second. The madam opened her fate palace, and a jar emerged. The moment this jar opened, it signaled the opening of a world of darkness.

This jar was entirely black with flashing black glimmers that would frighten even people’s souls. The coming of this jar marked the beginning of a dark world ruled by an evil god. Faint howls emanated from within, stirring the souls of the listeners. It was as if there were immortals inside being refined into nothingness.

“The Immortal Devouring Evil Jar!” Even Elder Fu, who came from a sect with two emperors, was frightened at the sight of the jar floating above the madam’s head. He was forced to take several steps back!

“That is the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar?” Although the Huangfu High Elder and the Alchemy Saint didn’t recognize this jar, the moment they heard Elder Fu, their expressions greatly changed as they unconsciously staggered several steps backward as well.

The name of this jar was foreign to many people, especially the younger crowd. Very few had seen it before since it had always been hidden in the Giant Bamboo Country.

“What is the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar? Is it that terrifying?” Among the spectators in the distance, a young cultivator who had never heard of the jar’s notorious name asked his senior.

A Heavenly King from the previous generation gazed at the evil jar. His face was also shaken as he answered his junior: “It’s not just terrifying... Although no one has ever seen its true power, anyone would be dreadful of it. Legend states that it is the defining treasure that guards the Giant Bamboo Country, an item with an unknown origin that’s rarely seen by the rest of the world. Another tale claims that this jar had once refined an ancient True Immortal, but no one knows if this is true or not.”

After hearing such a story, anyone would have to take a deep breath. Refining an ancient True Immortal... this was too frightening! Keep in mind that the world had never seen a True Immortal before.

The madam coldly stared at her opponents and uttered: “I wonder if Elder Fu had brought a true treasure from Immortal Emperor [Qilin](#) or Immortal Emperor [Jin She](#) or not!”

Qilin = Qilin. Jin She = Golden Serpent.

At this point, the madam was no longer the woman who was as gentle as water and instead was a Demon King ready to kill!

Elder Fu's expression became unsightly as he retorted: "Do you think you are unbeatable with just this evil jar?"

With two emperors, the Heavenhoof Ravine was one of the strongest demon lineages in the Stone Medicine World. Both of their emperors were demons; Immortal Emperor Qilin was the first while Immortal Emperor Jin She was the second.

Although the ravine had Immortal Emperor True Treasures, items of this level were the sect's defining artifacts. Even the ravine would not easily give these weapons to the traveling Elder Fu.

"You are correct." The madam glanced over them and tyrannically declared: "Elder Fu, even if you have an Immortal Emperor Life Treasure on you right now, it still wouldn't be enough to enter my sight. You would either have to bring a true treasure or become a Virtuous Paragon right this instant in order to match me!"

The madam's domineering aura filled the sky. Normally, she carried herself in an amiable manner in front of everyone. However, it seemed that after following Li Qiye, she had been infected by his aggressive attitude.

"Madam Zi Yan, do you think you can rampage everywhere with just one treasure?" The Alchemy Saint sneered: "Not to mention the invincible ravine, my Radiant-Sea Sect's true treasure alone is enough to suppress you!"

“That is a matter of the future. We can talk about it when you actually bring out a true treasure.” The madam aggressively declared: “But now, either all of you come together or get the hell out of here!” She was ready to kill at a moment’s notice.

The madam’s domineering aura and her courage to shout at her opponent left them — and even many spectators from afar — shocked from surprise.

No great powers would dare to oppose these imperial lineages. Even when they were wronged, they would still choose to acquiesce because once they opposed these imperial lineages, at best, they would come out heavily wounded. The worst case scenario would be complete destruction!

But now, the always-peaceful Madam Zi Yan of the Giant Bamboo Country was acting extremely aggressively and actually challenged the ravine’s group, so how could people not be astonished?

“You!” Elder Fu’s group was shaking with anger as all of their expressions paled. This was simply humiliating them!

However, they had to admit that the evil jar was very frightening. The damndest thing was that they didn’t bring along items that could stop the evil jar since they came for the birthday celebration. Elder Fu didn’t bring along a life treasure, let alone a true treasure of an Immortal Emperor.

It could be said that in just a moment, all of their plans were

derailed. They didn't expect for the madam to be carrying the Giant Bamboo Country's defining treasure!

Chapter 709: Slaying Enemies Like Butchering Chickens

“Ahem...” While Elder Fu’s group was stuck riding the tiger, Li Qiye coughed behind the madam and leisurely said: “Zi Yan, this was our fault, wouldn’t you say? It was just a little argument, yet we are unleashing this scary intent. This is not good, not good at all.”

“Young Master is implying?” The madam was dazed and didn’t know what her Young Master was trying to do at this moment.

Li Qiye pulled her back next to him and cheerfully smiled: “Our Immortal Devouring Evil Jar is too scary, yeah? We should just take it slow so that these old geezers on the verge of death won’t defecate themselves. It is not nice to make these elders soil themselves. After all, how would they have the face to see anyone else from now on?”

These vicious words enraged the ravine’s group to the point where they almost died from vomiting blood.

The madam didn’t know whether to laugh or cry, but she still listened to him and withdrew the evil jar. However, her putting away the jar allowed Elder Fu and the others to secretly heave a sigh of relief.

“There is this saying, what was it...” Li Qiye stared at his opponents and slowly spoke: “Ah, I remember now, there is a great saying: there is no need for a butcher’s knife to kill a chicken. For

this bunch of insects, is there a need to use such an invincible immortal item like the jar? This would be too wasteful and vastly overestimating them.”

“Such a big tone!” The Dragon Princess sneered in response and said with disdain: “Hiding behind a woman to brag, are you still a man? If you dare, then come out and fight us!”

“Fight you guys?” Li Qiye chuckled and took a step forward before calmly speaking: “For a bunch of ants like you lot, is there a need to use the word ‘fight’? I can kill all of you with one stomp — no problem. I might be someone who hates killing, but if all of you wish to die, then I’ll gladly help you out.”

The first reaction from many spectators was that Li Qiye was insane. Both the ravine and the Radiant-Sea Sect were imperial lineages, but a nobody like Li Qiye was now calling them ants. How unbelievably arrogant!

“Ignorant fool, do you dare to fight against this princess?!” Before the Alchemy Saint and his group could respond, the Dragon Princess raised her voice.

Li Qiye had previously humiliated her twice, so all she wanted to do was to kill him and drink his blood. She was under the assumption that someone like him could be killed by her without any trouble!

“Only an ant.” Li Qiye dismissively said as he didn’t even bother looking at the princess.

This attitude was extremely humiliating to her, so she immediately became enraged and shouted: “Little villain, die!”

However, before she even finished her sentence, she had already rushed forward with swift speed like a soaring dragon towards Li Qiye.

However, within this split second, it seemed as if time had stopped. Everyone’s vision blurred. The moment they could see clearly again, the Dragon Princess’s neck was gripped by Li Qiye, and her entire body was dangling up high.

No one saw how the princess fell into his hands. They only saw her attack and then everything became blurry, so no one saw Li Qiye’s move at that moment.

“Clank!” Before everyone could calm down, Li Qiye had already crushed the princess’s neck. It didn’t matter that she had a great cultivation and was a princess of a dynasty, she was immediately crushed to death by him.

At the time of her death, her eyes were wide open, not knowing how she had died to him. A great beauty, a princess adored by many with countless suitors had been killed mercilessly by Li Qiye.

This scene was too shocking since everyone could only watch him kill her. Even Elder Fu’s group had yet to compose themselves.

“Little bastard, die!” The Alchemy Saint furiously roared and unleashed a huge palm towards Li Qiye. How could he swallow this anger after Li Qiye killed one of his sect’s disciples?

However, before his palm could crush Li Qiye to death, he was immediately dragged back by Elder Fu. The elder gravely said: “Brother, you have to take it easy!”

“Take it easy?!” The Alchemy Saint snapped and roared: “This little animal killed my disciple, yet you’re telling me to take it easy?! I’m going to rip him to shreds!”

“Brother, didn’t my disciple also die at the hands of that animal?” Elder Fu coldly said: “However, we have to catch this little animal alive to see if there is someone backing him, ordering him to kill our disciples, to see if they have malicious intentions against our sects. We must capture him alive to get information out of him!”

He raised his voice at the last sentence as a reminder for the Alchemy Saint! He sacrificed his disciple, the Vinepill King, and he didn’t want it to be in vain. A dead Li Qiye held no value to them, thus they must capture him alive.

Elder Fu wanting to keep Li Qiye alive instead of staying true to his earlier attitude of wanting to kill him made their goal very apparent to some of the spectators watching from afar.

Although the Alchemy Saint was livid, after being reminded by Elder Fu, his mind returned. He glared at Li Qiye with red eyes and

coldly said: “Little animal, will you accept your capture obediently, or do we have to break your hands and legs first!”

The madam was about to step out again, but Li Qiye pulled her back and chuckled while speaking to her: “My Zi Yan, since they are coming for me, let me deal with this trivial matter. Otherwise, other people would actually think that I am living off of you.”

The madam couldn't help but smile. She didn't say anything else and stepped to the side. If the situation went south, then she would take action.

Li Qiye stepped forward and lazily looked at the Alchemy Saint's group and said: “It is almost midnight, but we are still here. Since you all dared to provoke me, I actually thought that you made some preparations like having a Virtuous Paragon in the shadows. Now, it seems that all of you are just a bunch of fools. Well, let us end this quickly as I still have to sleep after massacring all of you.”

To this rage-inducing statement, the Huangfu High Elder coldly replied: “Little animal, come!”

In an instant, the high elder, the Alchemy Saint, and Elder Fu seemed to have reached a mutual understanding and all took action at the same time. They immediately sealed the place completely since their goal was to capture him alive!

“Aizz, ignorant fools.” Li Qiye only chuckled and stamped one foot on the ground. At this moment, a gray death energy appeared below his foot and penetrated into the ground.

With a buzzing sound amidst the action, a praying mantis crawled out from below. It was as big as half a man. Moreover, it had been dead for who knows how many years; only its skeleton was present.

However, this skeletal mantis was emitting a gray death energy that belonged to Li Qiye!

“Pluff! Pluff! Pluff!” Right when the spectators still didn’t understand what was going on, three heads flew up into the sky, followed by streams of blood spurting about!

The first three heads belonged to the Alchemy Saint, the Huangfu High Elder, and Elder Fu of the ravine. As their heads flew up high, they could still see the blood spurting from their own necks.

The next moment, a group of heads all flew up at the same time along with accompanying pillars of blood. Eventually, thumping sounds appeared as a group of heads fell onto the ground and rolled around along with numerous headless corpses.

The three big shots, as well as all the disciples from the major sects who surrounded Li Qiye, were decapitated instantly, and the culprit was the skeletal mantis that crawled out from the ground!

At this point, the sickle-like legs of the mantis still had blood dripping down from them.

Everyone in the Alchemy Saint's group was killed without knowing how or why. It could even be said that none of the spectators were aware of the events that transpired!

From beginning to end, Li Qiye stood still and didn't do anything outside of stomping once. He didn't even lift a single finger.

The entire mountain suddenly became still. It was as if time had stopped and even the wind didn't dare to blow by as if it was afraid of something.

Even those who were far away were shocked and awed by this scene. Nothing could be more astonishing than this event!

Three Heavenly Kings and more than one hundred experts were slaughtered in an instant without a chance to fight back or knowing how they even died — such a thing was too terrifying and unbelievable.

Li Qiye stood there quietly while the skeletal mantis posturing next to him, creating a spine-chilling scene under the cover of the night that caused people to shudder uncontrollably!

Chapter 710: Dark Mantis God-Monarch

One man and one mantis stood there as rows of bodies formed on the ground and blood slowly flowed downward, dying the entire land red before the blood diffused into the soil.

After a long time, a gentle breeze blew by and the stench of blood assaulted everyone present, causing them to feel nauseous. However, the thing that made them feel even more sick was not this sanguine stench.

It was the absolutely horrifying scene before them. Heavenly Kings and hundreds of experts were killed in the blink of an eye. This scene of terror caused the stomachs of people to churn as if they wanted to puke. A primal fear emerged from the depths of their hearts; no one knew whether it was due to being scared of Li Qiye or the skeletal mantis ahead, or both.

Perhaps, the most horrendous of all was their lack of knowledge of the event. From beginning to end, no one knew what had actually happened or the relationship between the skeletal mantis and Li Qiye. They were not privy to the origin of the mantis or why Li Qiye could control it.

For a mantis to behead Heavenly Kings like chopping sweet potatoes, just how powerful and terrifying was this thing?

Of course, others didn't know that Li Qiye's stomp earlier was to utilize the death energy from the Death Scripture. Moreover, he also activated the Death Chapter, one of the four great techniques.

Not long ago when Li Qiye and Jian Wushuang fought, Li Qiye used her to injure him and accumulate a great amount of death energy! The moment this energy reached a certain level, it would use a supreme law inside the scripture to open the prologue of the Death Chapter!

The extremely powerful Death Chapter, once activated, could summon any dead creatures close to Li Qiye! No matter how long they had been dead for or what they might be, cultivators, withered branches, evil existences... as long as they were things that had once lived, they could be summoned by the Death Chapter!

When the Death Chapter becomes even more powerful, its range of summoning would be even more vast. As long as the user was capable, the chapter could even summon dead creatures from all over the Stone Medicine World. Of course, this type of summoning was extremely daunting. The chapter had to reach the ultimate stage before obtaining such power.

Of course, the power of these summoned undead reflected their own former strength and not just the power of the Death Chapter.

If these undead existences were very powerful when they were alive, then after being summoned, they would still be unimaginably formidable. Of course, in order to utilize their ultimate peak strength, the Death Chapter had to be at a high level.

“The Dark Mantis God-Monarch!” Tie Yi, who had always been

hiding in the back, immediately changed his expression after seeing this mantis. He frantically burrowed down into the ground.

“Dark Mantis God-Monarch” was a title not often heard, but disciples of Allpine Mountain had definitely heard this title before.

“Dark Mantis God-Monarch!” Before anyone knew it, the leader of Allpine Mountain, the Maple King, had appeared on top of a peak. He was astounded to see this skeletal mantis and took a deep breath before stuttering: “Wasn’t this my ancestor’s archnemesis back then? A million years ago, the ancestor slew it and buried it under Allpine Mountain!”

Originally, before the Allpine Treefather had reached the top, there had been a demonic creature who coveted the Allpine Grand Vein and wanted to be its ruler. This was an extremely heaven-defying demon mantis with the title of God-Monarch.

During that era, although the treefather had yet to reach his peak, countless lineages in the Stone Medicine World already dreaded him.

When the Dark Mantis God-Monarch invaded Allpine Mountain, the treefather rushed to meet him, and a great battle ensued. Although no one in the current generation saw this battle, the disciples of the mountain had heard tales about it. This was a fight that caused the earth to split and the celestials to lose their brilliance. After three days and three nights, the Allpine Treefather paid a heavy price to finally kill the God-Monarch.

Afterward, the treefather buried the God-Monarch's corpse under Alpine Mountain without leaving behind any indication of where it was. Even the disciples here didn't know where the monarch's corpse was located.

But now, the skeleton of the monarch had rushed out, causing the Maple King to be aghast and frightened with a pale countenance.

“Onnnngggg—” At this time, the Maple King blew a horn, resounding across the entire mountain.

“What's going on?” The horn echoed across the entire area, causing many guests to become alarmed. Those who were interested came out for a look.

Rumbles, among various other sounds, came in an instant like roaring torrents. Countless experts instantly appeared on Li Qiye's peak, including Tree Demon Monarchs, flood dragons from the sky, enormous Golem Kings, and ferocious Sacred Tigers...

Some emerged from underground while others descended from the sky with flying treasures... In a swift second, an entire army completely surrounded this peak.

There was no end to this army. A might cavalry surrounded this peak, removing the possibility of escape. The energy from Heavenly Sovereigns and Heavenly Kings at this location could encompass the entire world and was capable of overturning the earth!

The guests gasped in the face of this army of experts. Although many people still didn't know what was going on, they didn't dare to approach and could only stand and watch from afar. They knew that something big had happened after the Allpine Army appeared to lay siege to this single peak. They were also curious to see what kind of enemy was worthy of Allpine Mountain acting in this grand manner.

At the same time, the big shots from the other lineages also shuddered after seeing the mountain's great amount of experts. Although the mountain did not start a sect or country, its power and disciples were definitely stronger than that of many great powers!

Even Madam Zi Yan was shaking when she saw so many experts from Allpine Mountain surround the mountains since many of them were Heavenly Kings. She knew that this matter would not end peacefully.

Only Li Qiye remained as calm as ever. He simply glanced over the four directions and all the experts. Eventually, his gaze fell upon the Maple King.

"A bit interesting." Li Qiye chuckled and said while staring at the king: "Maple King, what is your aim?"

As the ruler of the mountain, the Maple King spoke coldly with a solemn expression: "I'm sure Young Noble Li clearly knows what I want."

“Oh, I see, is this how your Allpine Mountain treats your guests?” Li Qiye laughed in response.

At this point, many guests were shaking with fear. They were also astonished by this young fella’s courage. He was still able to smile and act leisurely when trapped by so many experts from Allpine Mountain.

The Maple King deepened his voice: “My Allpine Mountain has always been welcoming. Anyone who comes for the birthday celebration will be treated with respect! However, Young Noble Li, you came and wantonly committed murder on the birthday of my ancestor, staining our mountain with blood. This is not giving us any face! Although you are one of our esteemed guests, you still must give us an explanation!”

“Is that so?” Li Qiye lightly smiled and said: “Wanton murder? I feel that it was more of an act of self-defense. These old geezers clearly wanted my life, so I couldn’t just sit there and wait for my death. If you really want to blame me, then I apologize as I accidentally went a bit far, but what could I have done? You surely must know that the young will always lack experience and be full of carelessness; they might go too far and destroy the world or slaughter the eight domains — this is quite a normal occurrence.”

Li Qiye’s justification caused many listeners to envision a bloody scene.

“Whether Young Noble Li was acting in self-defense or not, this

is still up for debate!” The Maple King coldly spoke: “However, Young Noble Li and this demonic Dark Mantis God-Monarch are colluding, and on the day of my ancestor’s great birthday of all days. This is antagonizing my Allpine Mountain!”

Li Qiye looked at the Maple King and revealed a faint smile before speaking: “How interesting. I am only a nobody junior that was trapped by a group of Heavenly Kings from imperial lineages. The only thing in my mind was fear. I almost died miserably at the hands of these ruthless kings, but your Allpine Mountain did not come out to uphold justice. And now, a mantis crawled out from the ground to save me, yet your Allpine Mountain decides to show up now to stand up for justice? How interesting...”

Li Qiye’s words caused many of the bystanders to become silent. His description seemed to be stating that he was a lamb surrounded by a pack of wolves. However, the truth was that he was the wolf and the Alchemy Saint’s group were the helpless lambs. He, the wolf disguised as the lamb, eventually ate everyone from the Alchemy Saint’s group!

“Right or wrong, this will be decided in the future.” The Maple King drily said: “But for now, your wanton murder and collusion with the Dark Mantis God-Monarch is clear. If Young Noble Li wishes to end this matter peacefully, then listen to my words of advice and accept your capture obediently.”

Li Qiye glanced at him and slightly shook his head before speaking: “Is this your idea, or the treefather’s idea? If this is your idea, then I can only say that the treefather’s descendants are mediocre. However, if this is the treefather’s idea, then I’m afraid

that he has grown old and senile. To maneuver against me is your Alpine Mountain wishing to meet its end.”

Chapter 711: A Mighty Showing

Li Qiye's brazen words caused many of the spectators to take deep breaths. Ever since the treefather had reached his current level, countless lineages were wary of him, even imperial lineages like the Alchemy Kingdom. They had to tread with respect whenever they dealt with the treefather.

Even a Virtuous Paragon wouldn't dare to offend the treefather, but now, a nobody like Li Qiye dared to utter such words at Allpine Mountain. Only Li Qiye would be able to do this.

The Maple King's expression changed for the worse. He had ruled the mountain for so long and until now, no one had ever dared to challenge them like this. Li Qiye, alone, was daring to speak such contemptuous words. Despite his good temperament and great self-restraint, the Maple King's fury simply couldn't be described with words.

"Such a big tone!" The Maple King coldly said: "Young Noble Li, my Allpine Mountain will warn you one last time. Otherwise, don't blame us for being impolite. If you don't comply, then we will take action. As for whether you get injured or die... You must bear the responsibility of your choice!"

At this moment, Li Qiye's eyes narrowed as he chuckled to say: "Your Allpine Mountain scheming against me is truly unwise. It is your mountain's honor to be graced with my presence for this birthday celebration, yet you actually dared to make a move against me — this is truly not knowing life from death. When I, Li Qiye, don't come to cause trouble, even the heavens would have to

show its gratitude. But now, you dare ask me to bow down? Very well, so what if it is a birthday? It is time to wash this place with blood.”

“Begin.” With a cold countenance, the Maple King and the majority of the experts from the mountain rearranged themselves into an archaic formation. This defensive formation was like a dense forest and covered the entire peak.

“[No tears until sighting the coffin.](#)” Li Qiye’s pupils flashed with a cold glint! In this instant, his death energy emerged with the activated Death Chapter. It unleashed an amazing power that caused the energy on the skeleton of the God-Monarch to surge like a river.

It is saying that people don’t repent or realize the gravity of the situation until it is too late.

“Ooo!” The Dark Mantis God-Monarch let out a long roar. This cry was terrifying, it caused a sonic wave to pierce the sky and continue onward for countless miles all the way to the firmament, drowning the stars.

“Pop!” Under the impact of the sonic wave, the supreme formation of the Maple King’s army was instantly destroyed. All of the experts were blown flying away for hundreds to thousands of miles. Blood spurted everywhere as they were all left with grave injuries! Heavenly Kings were not even worth mentioning.

Even the guests watching in the far distance were affected by this terrifying sonic wave; they were blown away as well. Fortunately,

the power of this roar had diminished by the time it reached them. Otherwise, many of these guests would have been injured.

Such a scene sent chills down everyone's spines. This skeletal mantis was way too strong! Allpine Mountain's great formation was instantly shattered. Just how unbeatable and overbearing was this thing?

People shivered and wondered about just how strong this mantis would have been back when it was alive. After all, it was already this strong in death!

In fact, this was no surprise. This mantis had the title of God-Monarch, so one could imagine just how powerful it was back when it was still alive. When it was still alive, not to mention ancestors from the great powers, even legendary masters were no match for it.

Although it had died millions of years ago, it was still very formidable after being summoned. Even if it was not as strong as it was in the past, killing Heavenly Kings was still a piece of cake for it.

"Boom! Boom!" Untouchable auras erupted from several peaks of Allpine Mountain. The auras of a group of Virtuous Paragon soared to the sky, making many weak in the legs. Very few could remain standing straight.

"A few ancestors from Allpine Mountain are about to come into being..." The masses trembled with fear after feeling the paragons'

auras reaching into the sky.

Although the treefather was the most famous existence in Allpine Mountain, in the past millions of years, his camp had also produced several Virtuous Paragons.

“Virtuous Paragons...” Li Qiye didn’t look at the Maple King and his experts who were blown away. He gazed at the auras of the paragons soaring to the sky. He narrowed his eyes and chuckled as he spoke: “In that case, gaze at my dao of slaughter! Let me bathe this ground with blood!”

Having said that, the Death Chapter’s energy overflowed like a heavenly waterfall and powered the God-Monarch. An endless amount of death energy instantly blessed the mantis’ skeleton.

“Zzzzz—” With a buzzing sound, the mark of the Dark Mantis appeared in the sky with divine halos floating around its body. A shadow that wore a God-Monarch Crown actually appeared around this skeleton as if it had been reborn.

The moment this shadow emerged, the aura of a God-Monarch swept through the entire Allpine Mountain as if one had arrived. Countless beings trembled fearfully under this aura. Even the combined auras of the paragons was not as strong as this one aura from the monarch.

“Even Virtuous Paragons cannot halt my advance.” Li Qiye calmly uttered while he stood still.

Dread infiltrated the hearts of the spectators after witnessing this mark of the mantis in the sky. All of them felt cold chills throughout their bodies.

No one knew how Li Qiye was able to control this Dark Mantis God-Monarch, but this skeleton alone was absolutely capable of slaughtering Heavenly Kings like pigs.

“Seal!” When everyone at Allpine Mountain was still overwhelmed with horror due to the aura of the God-Monarch, an ancient voice suddenly came out from the depths of the mountain.

The moment this voice appeared, a supreme scripture descended from the sky and instantly suppressed the monarch from above. The monarch roared and wanted to attack this scripture, but it still couldn’t counter the suppression. With a popping sound, the monarch went back to the ground and suddenly disappeared due to the seal.

“Allpine Treefather...” Li Qiye became serious after seeing this scripture suppressing the monarch. In this moment, his gaze seemingly pierced across countless eons and fell upon a peak in Allpine Mountain.

“Allpine Treefather...” After hearing this name, many people shivered as countless eyes looked towards the deepest part of the mountain, towards a certain place.

The Allpine Treefather was a very powerful name in the Stone Medicine World. He was an existence at the top that still lived in

this world.

In the other lineages such as the Alchemy Kingdom or the Jianlong Clan, they definitely had top level existences like the treefather buried underground. However, in the current Stone Medicine World, only the treefather was still alive.

It was easy to see just how terrifying and heaven-defying the treefather was to cause the Alchemy Kingdom and the Jianlong Clan to treat him with respect.

And now, the treefather had personally taken action, causing many guests to feel fear in their hearts.

The guests subconsciously stared at Li Qiye. A junior like him wouldn't be able to cause any trouble now that the treefather personally took action. Among the younger generation, even someone as supreme as the celestial being, Ye Qingcheng, still wouldn't be able to do anything!

“So it's finally the old man's turn to take action.” However, when everyone thought that Li Qiye was doomed, he was still as calm as ever, showing no fear towards the treefather.

“Everyone, return.” However, the next event surprised all the guests. The ancient voice of the treefather came again as he gave his command to the Alpine disciples.

After his command, all the auras of the paragons disappeared.

These paragons who wanted to take action all became silent and stood still.

“Young Noble Li is an esteemed guest, there has been a misunderstanding.” The ancient voice rang again: “How about Young Noble Li come to my place to resolve this misunderstanding?”

The moment the treefather’s words came out, two pine branches stretched out from the far distance and came before Li Qiye. These two pine branches were like spirit dragons intertwined together and instantly created a wooden bridge.

This wooden bridge next to Li Qiye’s feet would bring him straight to the treefather’s place. This scene caused many guests to hold their breaths as they waited for Li Qiye to make a move.

What kind of existence was the treefather? He was one who could be praised as a supreme Godking! Even big shots from the previous generation weren’t qualified to meet the treefather, let alone the younger generation.

But now, the treefather wanted to personally meet Li Qiye. This was quite perplexing to many here. What outstanding virtues did Li Qiye have to warrant this meeting?

“Since this is the case, why not?” Li Qiye looked at the bridge in front of him, chuckled, and spoke. Afterward, he boarded his carriage again.

This response left many people speechless. They all considered meeting the treefather as a great honor. After the treefather reached the peak, countless great demons and even monarchs with unparalleled talents came wanting to meet him, but they couldn't.

Today, the treefather initiated the meeting with a nobody like Li Qiye, but his response was completely nonchalant and without a care. If it was any other youth, they would be overwhelmed with excitement.

Madam Zi Yan also sat on the carriage and took the reins. In fact, there was no need for her to do anything since the Imperial Draco-Bull immediately pulled the carriage towards the wooden bridge to head for the treefather's dwelling.

All the guests watched the carriage until it eventually disappeared from their sight.

Chapter 712: Alpine Treefather

After the carriage was no longer visible, one person had to say: “This Li Qiye... He’s only a junior, so why does he get to meet the treefather? My master, the Ancient Tusk Monarch, is the most talented demon monarch from the previous generation of Alchemy Realm, but he still didn’t get to see the treefather.”

“Maybe it is because of the Giant Bamboo Country’s Divine Guardian. It and the treefather are the two demon forefathers of our world, so this might be why. Li Qiye and Madam Zi Yan are from that country, so it isn’t that strange for the treefather to see them.” An older cultivator speculated.

Many guests felt that this rationale made sense since it would be normal for the treefather to want to see the descendant of the other demon forefather.

The carriage ran along the wooden bridge. Although squeaking sounds could be heard, the journey was very smooth. It didn’t take long before the carriage made it to a peak.

The worldly energy on this peak was as vast as an ocean. Everything was dyed in a lively blue, giving the area the appearance of a grand ocean. Although this peak was not large, it gave the feeling as if it was the prime power of this land.

On top of the peak was an old pine tree that had experienced the turmoils of countless years. It took root in this land for millions of years, and nothing could shake it.

Upon Li Qiye's arrival, an old man sitting below this tree stood up and came to greet him with an amiable smile, saying: "My younger generation is ignorant like a frog at the bottom of a well and didn't know that Young Noble Li is exceptional, so they offended you. Please forgive them."

This old man was the famous Alpine Treefather, the highest existence in the current Stone Medicine World. The old pine tree behind him was his real body.

If an outsider were to hear this, they would be completely dumbfounded and think that they must have misheard. A character like the treefather actually apologized to Li Qiye!

"I am curious, was it your idea, or did your disciples take it upon themselves?" Li Qiye sat calmly on his carriage and inquired while staring at the treefather.

The treefather met his gaze and responded with a genuine smile: "Little Maple had good intentions. He thought that Young Noble Li had a way to solve my problem, so he wanted to keep Young Noble Li behind. If you want to blame someone, I'll take the blame. This is our Alpine Mountain's fault."

Li Qiye chuckled and disembarked the carriage. After gently patting the bull, he said: "Mmm, I do feel some sincerity. As for the reparations, I'll think about it." Having said that, he sat down next to the treefather without any reservation.

The treefather looked at the Imperial Draco-Bull standing to the side and couldn't help but voice his praise: "What a divine creature! Once it turns into a True Dragon, we simply wouldn't be able to compare to it." Others might not be able to see it, but the treefather immediately knew that this was an auspicious beast with the bloodline of a True Dragon. Meanwhile, the bull calmly remained standing there, ignoring the treefather's praise.

"Only a great man like Young Noble Li would be able to be the master of such a divine beast." The treefather sat down next to Li Qiye and smiled kindly.

At the same time, Madam Zi Yan went to stand behind Li Qiye, waiting. Although she was a great demon and a king, her status and identity were not enough to gain her an audience with the treefather.

Li Qiye looked at the treefather and smiled to say: "Smart people find me very easy to deal with. As for this past matter, whether it was the Maple King personally taking the initiative or something else entirely, it is no longer important to me. Since you want to meet me, let us not waste time walking in circles. Get straight to the point."

The treefather looked at Li Qiye and eventually sighed before speaking: "I have lived for countless years. In the Stone Medicine World, outside of the Giant Bamboo Divine Guardian, I'm afraid no one else has lived for as long as me. For millions of years now, my eyes have seen many people, but I cannot see through Young Noble Li."

“Not many people can see through me, so don’t mind it.” Li Qiye lightly responded.

The treefather pondered for a moment before speaking: “I have a certain problem, and Little Maple heard that you were able to communicate with the Giant Bamboo Divine Guardian, so he wanted to know the situation of the guardian to see if it could solve my problem. However, in my opinion, Little Maple went about it the wrong way. The same problem does not exist for the guardian. Although both of us are referred to as the two great demon forefathers, I know that Senior Divine Bamboo doesn’t share my problem.”

“You are right about that.” Li Qiye responded: “You are a true demon forefather, but the Giant Bamboo isn’t.”

The treefather gently nodded and added: “Which is why I said Little Maple was looking at things the wrong way. In my eyes, the real method to solve this problem is dependent on Young Noble Li and not with your ability to communicate with Senior Giant Bamboo. Your dao of alchemy is supreme, so today, I invited you here to see if you could solve this problem for me.”

“You are mistaken about this.” Li Qiye shook his head and explained: “Your problem isn’t something that can be solved by alchemists. I have picked up on the scent of medicines while sitting here. If I am not mistaken, you have recently gone to find the old alchemist of the Alchemy Kingdom to diagnose your problem.”

The treefather was momentarily stunned before voicing his praise: “Young Noble Li is truly unfathomable, indeed worthy of

having an unparalleled dao of alchemy.” At this point, he nodded his head and admitted: “My situation is not looking very optimistic. Recently, things have been getting worse, so I had no choice but to shamelessly ask the old alchemist for help. Unfortunately, he was powerless as well.”

“It seems like you are pretty confident in me.” Li Qiye said with a chuckle.

The treefather smiled back in response and said: “I heard Young Noble Li could refine pills like cooking. Even those from the Alchemy Kingdom are incapable of such supreme pill refinement, so my hopes are quite high when it comes to you.”

“I know your problem very well.” Li Qiye seemed to have known this beforehand and said: “When the heavens want to end life, no one will be able to escape — this is part of nature.”

“Truly incredible, you know right away before even conducting a diagnosis. You are an incredible doctor.” The treefather’s expression changed after hearing Li Qiye’s words.

Li Qiye said with a smile: “This has nothing to do with being a good doctor. This is a tribulation; at the very least, only an existence like you would have to withstand such a tribulation.”

“One might be able to survive an act of god, but no one can survive a self-brought calamity.” The treefather wryly smiled and stated: “As such, this old life of mine depends on Young Noble Li. If even you cannot help me, I’m afraid I won’t live for much

longer.”

After hearing the treefather, the madam standing behind Li Qiye became shocked and had to utter: “Is Treefather not like our Divine Guardian? Are you not able to live for tens of millions of years in this world?”

“No, I am not like Senior Giant Bamboo. I am a demon, but the senior is not.” The treefather slightly shook his head and said: “Senior Giant Bamboo chose not to gain his own sentience and remains unstained by the world. Without any emotions, he is an immortal bamboo, a tree that took root in the Elegant Azure Great Vein. It can continue to live on as an immortal bamboo, not caring about mundane matters.”

“But Senior is also rooted at the Alpine Great Vein.” The madam couldn’t help but say.

The treefather smiled and said: “Correct, I am indeed rooted in this great vein. However, I have sentience and have become a demon. Although taking root at this vein can allow me to live for three to five more generations, I am doomed to die in the end.”

Li Qiye grinned and commented: “Mmm, you can live for three more generations at best, so you are a bit unwilling.”

The treefather responded with a sad laugh: “Young Noble Li took the words right out of my mouth. Although I have countless divine techniques, after taking root at the great vein, I have become one with it. I can be anywhere in the millions of miles where the

Allpine Great Vein stretches, but I can never leave it. Not even my avatar is able to do so.”

“Senior wants to go outside?” The madam was a smart person, so she immediately understood the treefather’s intent.

The treefather gently nodded and said: “That’s right, I have lived for generation after generation, but I have never left Allpine Mountain. While I can live for a few more years, I want to go see the world outside and wait till the day where my life comes to an end so that I can pass on without any regrets.”

“Unfortunately, you underestimated the power of the old villainous heavens.” Li Qiye chuckled once more.

The treefather smiled back and said: “In fact, I have lived for many years, and it was also the first time seeing the heavens slashing one’s lifespan. I wanted to leave this place, but I have to remove my main root first. I was well prepared to do so after tens of thousands of years...”

The madam was shaken after listening up to this point. For an existence like the treefather, his main root was not much different from his life. What price and efforts must he pay to cut off his own root?

The treefather paused for a moment before continuing: “Everything went smoothly as I was cutting off the main root. It’s just that I didn’t expect... at the very last moment, the high heavens sent down a mighty tribulation in an attempt to

annihilate my lifespan. At my level, unless I wanted to become an Immortal Emperor and seize the Heaven's Will, there would be no tribulation that I cannot handle. A mighty tribulation capable of slashing my very lifespan... It was my first time seeing one of this level."

Chapter 713: Emperor Suppression Art

“Who could stop the heavens from slashing one’s lifespan? Not to mention Godkings, even True Gods with the blood of the heavens running through their veins wouldn’t be able to.” Li Qiye responded dismissively.

“Godking” was a simple title for top existences among cultivators. At the Virtuous Paragon realm, each of the individual levels had a certain title.

These were divided into the following levels from weakest to strongest: great power’s ancestors, legendary masters, eternal existences, and apex existences.

Great power’s ancestors were normally ordinary Virtuous Paragons. Legendary masters were the the strongest among these ordinary paragons.

Eternal existences were different. To be able to earn the title of eternal, these paragons must be able to earn a divine title or be able to establish their own country.

As for apex existences, there were several theories. Some people considered God-Monarchs to be apex existences while others considered Godkings to be at this level.

Of course, there were also those who considered God-Monarchs as eternal existences. There was also a distinction with this title. If the monarch was bestowed the title by an Immortal Emperor, then

this monarch could be considered an apex existence.

So to speak, if a God-Monarch personally dubbed themselves with this title or if it was flattery from low level cultivators, then they would only be considered an eternal existence.

Real Godkings were even more extraordinary. They were top level existences without superiors! A real Godking wasn't only bestowed the title by an Immortal Emperor, they must also be recognized by the nine worlds as well as the invincible generals and officials of that time! This type of Godking was the real deal!

The truth was that a real Godking would only appear twice or thrice each generation. As for those who called themselves "Godking" or were referred to as such by others, they were most likely unqualified for this title.

For instance, the Alpine Treefather. Without an Immortal Emperor bestowing the title upon him, he decided not to call himself a Godking. However, he was truly qualified to become one since he possessed the power of a Godking.

"Indeed, even Godkings are helpless against the high heavens." The treefather said with a tinge of emotion: "When the heavens wants to end life, not even a True God can stop it, let alone a Godking. In this world, only an Immortal Emperor would be able to withstand the heavens."

"True God" was another title. Just like its name suggests, they are real gods that did not belong to the human race, the demon

race, or any other contemporary race!

Legend states that True Gods were deities unknown to the rest of the cultivators. They were from a secret race that outsiders did not know of. People believed that they had the bloodline of the heavens, so they were destined to be deities upon birth! Even charming spirits, who were referred to as the heaven's favored children, couldn't compare to True Gods!

True God was not just another name for supreme power, it also represented a very mysterious existence.

If a Godking and a True God were to have the same strength, the same treasures, and the same merit laws, the True God would have a great advantage due to their heavenly bloodline. They had advantages that the rest of the cultivators in this world lacked.

Li Qiye smiled and said: "Not necessarily. Those who can withstand the heavens are not limited to Immortal Emperors. A few supreme lords can defy the heavens as well."

"Supreme lords..." Even an apex existence like the treefather sighed after hearing this title: "The ones who are able to tread this world freely, able to assail even Immortal Emperors."

Although the treefather was currently the highest existence in the Stone Medicine World and even respected by a lineage like the Alchemy Kingdom, he was still without confidence when Emperor Assailants were brought up.

These were existences that very few people knew about. In fact, how many people in this world actually managed to come into contact with one?

There were several theories regarding these supreme lords. Some considered Godkings to be supreme lords, but many people did not support such a claim.

There were quite a few who considered existences capable of assailing Immortal Emperors to be supreme lords. This rang especially true for powerful cultivators; in their eyes, only existences capable of harming Immortal Emperors could be called supreme lords, experts capable of treading the world freely!

The treefather emotionally sighed. Even he didn't dare to call himself a supreme lord or an Emperor Assailant.

In the midst of his wishful thinking, the treefather calmed down and gently shook his head while revealing a gentle smile to say: "Since Young Noble Li seems so confident, you must surely have a method to solve my problem."

Li Qiye was as calm as ever. He smiled and said: "The high heavens wished to end life, so it sent down its power. I know that a terrifying calamity was left behind in your root. If this was in the past, then it would be very problematic. Even if it could be dealt with, it would require a lot of methods and even a thousand years of effort. However, it seems that lady luck is smiling upon you. Right now, I have a shortcut to deal with your problem."

Although the treefather had lived for millions of years, he was still excited and quickly asked: “Nothing could be better then! What is Young Noble Li’s condition?”

“There is no need to rush negotiations. Before that, I have a question for Treefather.”

“What does Young Noble want to know? As long as I know the answer, I’ll reveal everything.” The treefather quickly responded.

At this time, he required Li Qiye’s assistance. Even though he was one of the two great demon forefathers, he still needed to please Li Qiye.

“Your legacy techniques are from the Emperor Suppression Art!” Li Qiye slowly uttered with a serious gaze.

The treefather was caught off guard. He stared at Li Qiye with a shocked expression and asked: “How did Young Noble Li find out?!”

“So it is so.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but gently sigh. He looked towards the far distance and became silent as if lost in memories.

Madam Zi Yan was slightly startled as well. She had seen Li Qiye’s expression before back in the old house on the outskirts of the capital.

“Does Young Noble Li know the origin of this legacy?” The

treefather asked in a humble manner after seeing Li Qiye's expression.

Li Qiye composed himself and looked at the treefather to say: "The name of your cultivation method is Emperor Suppression Art; you actually didn't know about its origin?"

The treefather wryly smiled and shook his head to answer: "I'm afraid others would find this matter hard to believe. Since Young Noble Li recognizes this art, then it is fine to tell you. I am a pine tree at my roots. A very long time ago, I was only being affected by a little bit of spirit energy from the Allpine Great Vein... This amount of spirit energy was neither enough for me to become a demon nor for me to gain sentience. However, it gave me a sliver of awareness. Nevertheless, I was not able to recognize or identify items."

The treefather paused for a moment before continuing: "It wasn't until one day when a woman came to Allpine Mountain that things changed. Although I couldn't tell things apart, I would never forget the moment of her arrival."

Li Qiye looked at the treefather and slowly said: "The strange phenomena of the nine worlds where myriad realms float... Even if the deities were in this world, and even if the Godkings were still present, they would not dare to come close; they would only prostrate from far away. The endless dao of the world could only be below her feet. The heavens above could be nothing but silent. She carries the dazzling Heaven's Will. Under her illuminating radiance, everything else becomes dim and listless."

The treefather was astounded and exclaimed after hearing Li Qiye's description: "How does Young Noble Li know?"

Li Qiye only sighed softly and didn't answer the treefather.

The treefather didn't pry any further. He also gazed into the distance to immerse himself in the past, mumbling: "That scene is unforgettable. Even though I had seen Immortal Emperors later on, I'm afraid she was the most powerful existence I have ever seen. Although I couldn't open my eyes to witness the world back then, I could sense it... At that time, all existences in the Stone Medicine World prostrated. Even the most heaven-defying existence in the Alchemy Kingdom didn't dare to approach, he could only continue hiding!"

"What happened afterward?" Li Qiye asked slowly.

The treefather responded: "I didn't know who she was, but she stood above Allpine Mountain and looked towards the distant horizon in the direction of the Giant Bamboo Country. She stood still for a very long time. Eventually, before leaving, she only glanced at me once. Under this gaze, I felt that all existences in this world were suppressed, and I was even more insignificant than a speck of dust."

"With a casual motion, she left behind a universal law on my tree body." The treefather couldn't calm his emotions and explained: "At first, I couldn't comprehend this universal law. Even though it seemed very simple, the mysteries inside were boundless like an ocean. For many years since then, I kept on studying its profoundness and, because of this, I was slowly able to take root in

the Allpine Great Vein until I became one with it.”

“That is quite incredible. You were without guidance, yet you were able to understand the Emperor Suppression Art. Your accomplishments today definitely were not just coincidences.” Li Qiye praised.

The treefather didn’t show the slightest bit of arrogance as he replied: “This was because I was fortunate enough to be born above the great vein. Taking root in it allowed me to live for this long. I was able to learn this universal law through the long and monotonous river of time. As my comprehension of this law grew, I finally became a demon with sentience. The more I furthered my understanding of this law, the more powerful I became.”

Chapter 714: Origin Of The Emperor Suppression Art

The madam behind Li Qiye was also moved. Just one universal law was able to create the Alpine Treefather. Just how powerful and terrifying was this heaven-defying merit law named “Emperor Suppression Art”?

“I have always been comprehending this law. It was not until I reached the top that I finally derived all of its profound mysteries. At that point, I discovered the runes that had the name of this law, the Emperor Suppression Art.” The treefather explained.

“The Emperor Suppression Art, a cultivation method capable of suppressing Immortal Emperors.” Li Qiye quietly mused. He became quiet and recalled the past once more.

His words left the treefather and the madam astonished. Immortal Emperors were invincible in this world. Could someone actually manage to suppress them?

The treefather took a deep breath and had to ask: “This art can suppress Immortal Emperors?”

Li Qiye smiled and gently shook his head to say: “I am not looking down on you, but you definitely won’t be able to do so. Of course, that woman is another story. Your Emperor Suppression Art is only a very small part of the complete technique.”

“So that is the case.” The treefather stated: “Nevertheless, this Emperor Suppression Art made me who I am today, so I am already very satisfied.”

“Your attitude is admirable. Perhaps it is because of this that you are able to have today’s accomplishments, it wasn’t just a coincidence.” Li Qiye smiled while gazing at the distance.

“I wonder if Young Noble Li can inform me about which lineage my legacy art came from?” Li Qiye still hadn’t revealed his art’s origin, so he looked at Li Qiye longingly.

For the rest of the world, the treefather’s cultivation was from self-enlightenment, but the treefather knew the truth in his heart. Although the treefather couldn’t leave Allpine Mountain, he had ordered his disciples to pay some attention to see if there were any lineages or merit laws in this world that were similar to them. However, after so many years, none of his disciples were able to see a merit law from the same branch as them.

Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and looked at the treefather, saying: “It is fine to tell you. This Emperor Suppression Art came from [Empress Hong Tian](#).”

Empress Hong Tian = Vast Heaven Empress, definitely a majestic title.

“Empress Hong Tian...” The madam lost her voice and exclaimed after hearing this name.

Even the treefather was shocked: “The Empress Hong Tian

Young Noble Li is talking about is the person who destroyed the legendary Divine Beast Realm!”

“Yes, that is her.” Li Qiye murmured. He suddenly felt a bit dejected as he secretly sighed. Hong Tian... Hong Tian...

The madam was astonished. Empress Hong Tian — this name was too shocking and carried too much weight. For millions of years, Immortal Emperors came and went, and some of the emperors were also women.

However, when it came to Empress Hong Tian, even other Immortal Emperors would quiver! There was a saying in the future generations: if there was someone in this world who could compare to Immortal Emperor [Jiao Heng](#), then it would definitely be Empress Hong Tian!

Jiao Heng = Proud Domination.

The empress swept through myriad realms and suppressed the heavens. During her era, every existence and lineage perpetually trembled in fear!

Someone once said that Empress Hong Tian was the most powerful emperor in this world while others argued that Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng was the strongest. No one had an answer for this debate.

However, one thing was certain; though millions of years have passed, the name “Empress Hong Tian” was still a deterring force and a cause for fear. One could imagine just how powerful she was

back in that era.

“Empress Hong Tian... Her legends include massacring the Thousand Emperors Gate and destroying the Divine Beast Realm.” The absent-minded treefather didn’t think that his legacy had such a grand origin.

“That’s nothing.” Li Qiye lightly said. For Empress Hong Tian back then, nothing was impossible. To be more exact, there was nothing that those two couldn’t do.

This included attacking the Immortal Demon Grotto! However, there were always some matters that couldn’t be helped in this world. Due to a few circumstances, they eventually parted ways.

“I don’t know too much about the Thousand Emperors Gate back in the Mortal Emperor World.” The treefather had to say: “But the Divine Beast Realm... This was the mythical lineage with a divine beast! A real divine beast! Alas, they still couldn’t escape the fate of being annihilated. In the legends, the Divine Beast Realm ruled over the Stone Medicine World for countless moons. Back in that era, even the Alchemy Kingdom was nothing compared to the Divine Beast Realm.”

The treefather sighed here before continuing: “Although I had not seen its strength, the old alchemist of the Alchemy Kingdom told me about it. No one was without fear of that realm during their era.”

The madam felt a chill after hearing this old story. In the present

day, the Alchemy Kingdom was a monster that could be said to be untouchable by any lineage or existence. People wouldn't be able to imagine an even more terrifying and powerful lineage. The Divine Beast Realm... a lineage that actually had a real divine beast!

Although many lineages have Divine Beast Protectors, they were not real divine beasts. Even the Alchemy Kingdom and the Jianlong Clan couldn't have real divine beasts. Their beasts only had the bloodline of real divine beasts.

A lineage with a real one was beyond imagination. What was even more inconceivable was that this lineage with a real divine beast was actually destroyed at the hands of Empress Hong Tian! How terrifying was this matter? One could only visualize the battle that was fought — stomping on an eternal lineage and killing a divine beast.

After hearing this old tale, the name “Empress Hong Tian” left an indelible impression on the madam.

“In this world, even a lineage that is more powerful than the current ones would not be invincible. An older lineage will not be eternal. Whether to continue passing on their teachings or not is up to them.” Li Qiye smiled dismissively.

Only he knew the inside story regarding the destruction of the Thousand Emperors Gate and the Divine Beast Realm. The battles of those years frightened the nine worlds and its inhabitants as its influence swept through everywhere.

The treefather gently sighed. After living for so long, of course he had seen the rise and fall, the beginnings and ends of many sects.

“Well, everything on my end has been taken care of.” Li Qiye smiled and said while looking at the treefather: “We can talk about your problem now. I can definitely deal with it, and you will definitely be able to separate from the Allpine Grand Vein. Moreover, living for this generation would not be an issue.”

“Really...?” Upon hearing this, the treefather was immediately ecstatic. No news could be better than this. After being punished by the heavens, he couldn’t even leave this place because he had to constantly suppress this grand tribulation underground. If not, it would destroy all things, including this Allpine Mountain that he had nurtured for millions of years.

Although he managed to keep his suppression in check, recently, it was becoming more powerful. If this continued, he wouldn’t just only die from old age, the entire mountain would also be destroyed.

“This is certainly true. I can guarantee to solve your issue without leaving behind any future complications.” Li Qiye calmly stated as if he had known everything beforehand.

The treefather looked at this young man ahead and didn’t know what to say.

“Oh? You don’t believe me?” Li Qiye calmly said: “If you don’t

believe me, then there's nothing I can do. It is fine to not accept this deal.”

The treefather took a deep breath and said: “I believe! The old heavens will always create a miracle.” The Alchemy Kingdom and the Jianlong Clan were not able to solve his problem. And if these existences were not able to do so, then it was even more inconceivable for a junior like Li Qiye to. However, the treefather still chose to trust Li Qiye. Like he said, the old heavens would create a miracle.

To this, Li Qiye responded with a shake of his head: “In my eyes, the old heavens have never created a miracle. Only I, Li Qiye, will be able to create a miracle!”

How overbearing were these words? The treefather had seen countless young geniuses. Some were extremely brilliant across the eons, but none of them were as domineering as the one before him.

The treefather took a deep breath and solemnly stated: “What is Young Noble Li's condition? Just say the word and my Alpine Mountain will meet your demands.” After living for so long, he naturally understood that there was no such thing as a free lunch in this world.

Li Qiye calmly replied: “My condition is very simple. Right now, I am missing a powerful Virtuous Paragon, and you just so happen to be the right man for the spot. What do you think?”

The treefather looked at Li Qiye and asked in a serious tone:

“Young Noble Li is trying to say that you want me to be your dao protector?”

Li Qiye met his gaze and slowly spoke: “Treefather, this Li Qiye is not trying to look down on you. These words might be difficult to listen to, but if I really wanted to find a dao protector, then an Immortal Emperor would barely meet the requirements. Other people are not qualified to do so. Only I can be the dao protector of others, no one can be my dao protector.”

These unbelievably arrogant words left the treefather speechless. Even the madam standing next to him couldn't help but smile awkwardly, but she was almost used to this attitude.

Chapter 715: The Deal

The treefather did not become angry. Instead, he stared at Li Qiye for a while before replying in a deep tone: “Young Noble Li, you should know that even Ye Qingcheng had beseeched me to become his dao protector. Moreover, I didn’t need to go with him, I was only required to point out his mistakes during his cultivation. By doing so, he would even worship me as his master.”

“Ye Qingcheng? Don’t know who that is.” Li Qiye flatly said: “Besides, I, Li Qiye, am not someone that nobodies can compare to. Treefather, I’ll be frank, you can be called a Godking, an apex existence. You are indeed amazing. However, you still have a long ways to go before reaching true invincibility.”

After her Young Master said such a statement, the madam felt cold sweat running down her back. Someone who was short-tempered would instantly become angry and suppress them.

However, the treefather was not angry at all. He nodded solemnly and said: “Young Noble Li’s words are true. Even in the Stone Medicine World, I am not unbeatable.”

Li Qiye went straight to the point: “Treefather, let me put it this way. If I truly needed someone to work for me, then back at the Giant Bamboo Country, I could have enlightened the Giant Bamboo. It was very willing to follow me; do you think that you are stronger than our Giant Bamboo? I didn’t enlighten it because I hoped for it to continue on forever in this world. In fact, even if Treefather does not agree to pledge allegiance to me, I can still find one or two existences like you in the Stone Medicine World to join

my banner.”

Li Qiye paused for a moment before asking: “I left a spot for you, do you know why?”

“I am not clear on this, but I am all ears.” The treefather said slowly.

LI Qiye calmly explained: “The reason is very simple. First, I want to challenge the old villainous heavens. Second, it is because of Empress Hong Tian! Although you only received a portion of that legacy, I hope that one day, the Emperor Suppression Art can follow me to the glorious peak of myriad races and leave its mark!”

The treefather was slightly dazed by this answer. He had many speculations, but none came close to this reason.

He took a deep breath and said: “What does Young Noble Li want my old bones to do?”

Li Qiye responded: “My condition is very simple. I will leave you a general’s spot under my banner! In the future, I want you to sweep through the nine worlds and myriad races for me!”

The madam’s heart started thumping after hearing this. How domineering was this ambition? At this moment, she seemed to be able to see her Young Master standing proudly above all the races.

“So Young Noble Li wants to obtain the Heaven’s Will and

become an Immortal Emperor!” The treefather said: “However, your opponents are numerous. Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng and Imperial Edge Mei Aonan — these are the strongest candidates for emperor-hood in this generation. In my opinion, both of them are very likely to become the next emperor.”

“Immortal Emperor?” Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile and say: “For me, Immortal Emperor is only the beginning. Treefather, there is no need to compare me to just anyone. Whether they are geniuses or fairies, I can’t be bothered with them as long as they do not stand in my path. However, those who try to block me shall be killed without mercy!”

The madam wryly smiled in response. Who were Ye Qingcheng and Mei Aonan? No one among the younger generation would dare to look down on them, but her Young Master simply didn’t pay them any mind.

However, she was confident that her Young Master would definitely be able to look down on existences like these two in the future.

Li Qiye asked: “Treefather, we are all sensible people here. Let us be quick and frank. Just one word, yes or no?”

The treefather looked at Li Qiye with a sagacious glimmer in his eyes. Others would find Li Qiye to be too boastful at this moment. Who was the treefather?! Li Qiye actually asked someone of his level to pledge loyalty to him. This was too irrational and inconceivable!

“Very well, since Young Noble Li is so confident, this old man will take a gamble. I hope that Young Noble will not disappoint me.” The treefather eventually said solemnly.

“One day, you will understand just how wise this decision is. This is definitely the best one you will make in your lifetime.” Li Qiye was very calm. It was as if taking in an existence like the treefather under his banner was not a big deal.

The treefather agreeing to the deal astounded the madam. This was the Alpine Treefather, an unfathomable existence, one of the two great demon forefathers of the Stone Medicine World, an expert whom others called “Godking”!

This would cause a great stir in the world if others were to know that the treefather had joined her Young Master. A Godking as the vanguard — just how tyrannical was this? Anyone would be shocked by such a sight.

Shortly after, Li Qiye and the treefather made a true fate vow at the same time. The treefather swore to always be loyal towards Li Qiye.

After the oaths were taken, Li Qiye told the treefather: “Very well, we’ll get started. Take me there.”

In the blink of an eye, Li Qiye and the treefather flashed and instantly disappeared. The madam didn’t know where they went. She stood there silently, waiting for them to return.

The treefather brought Li Qiye to the deepest part of the Allpine Great Vein, to the most mysterious place underground.

Here, it was as if there was a dragon lying down as boundless worldly energy swirled around like an ocean. Of course, this was not the thing that attracted Li Qiye's attention, he had seen many great veins before.

What drew in his gaze was the world of lightning before him. In this vast area, countless indescribably large roots surrounded the area. They were intertwined and formed the most terrifying prison to surround the endless world of lightning.

These thick streaks of lightning soared like crazed dragons with thunderous explosions everywhere, bombarding the void. It was as if this was the most dangerous and frightening location in the world. This area had become a field of lightning. Once trapped inside, anyone would be instantly incinerated.

The scariest part was that this lightning was created from magical runes. They had come together to form chapters capable of piercing and exploding all things in this world.

The treefather looked at the lightning field ahead and told Li Qiye: "This is the final tribulation that the heavens left behind after it slashed my lifespan. Although I managed to suppress it, I couldn't dispel it. The lightning field here is my nemesis. It can break all of my suppressive methods."

“It is not surprising for it to dispel your suppression. The old villainous heavens will not tolerate you.” Li Qiye looked at the lightning field ahead and said: “Your legacy is from the Emperor Suppression Art while the old villainous heavens slashing your lifespan is something that goes counter to it. The runes and chapters inside this lightning field are the opposite of your legacy; they specialize in countering your cultivation, so how could you dispel it?”

“In the beginning, I didn’t quite understand. Later on, I eventually understood the implications within as well.” The treefather gently sighed and said: “Unfortunately, time would not wait for me. If I knew ahead of time that the heavens would slash my lifespan, I could have prepared even more. However, after my life reduction, my blood energy was greatly injured and couldn’t reach its peak state. I can only desperately suppress it; I don’t even dare to take a single step away from this place.”

“Don’t worry. After dealing with this tribulation, you will still be able to cultivate. The Alpine Grand Vein is truly a good location. With sufficient time, the worldly energy of this location will bring you back to your peak condition.” Li Qiye spoke while peering at the lightning field.

The treefather also nodded in agreement. The reason why he was able to live for so long was due to the grand vein. Otherwise, no matter how heaven-defying he might be, he still wouldn’t have been able to live until now.

“Let us begin.” Li Qiye told the treefather.

The treefather quickly said: “Do we need to prepare anything? Just let me know if you need any treasures or spirit medicines.”

“No need, we’ll begin now.” Li Qiye shook his head in response.

The treefather readied himself as his expression slightly changed. A thunderous rumble rang as these pillaring branches started to loosen up.

“Boom!” The lightning field was freed from the tree’s suppression and immediately exploded outward. In this instant, it seemed to have their own sentience and rushed towards Li Qiye’s group like an unstoppable tide that covered the entire sky, wishing to drown the two.

Even the treefather was alarmed in the face of such monstrous lightning waves. Without a defensive barrier, they would instantly incinerate him.

“Open!” At this time, Li Qiye cried out. His master palace rushed forward and, with an eruption, it was as if his palace was opening a world.

His tree of life was lush and verdant, his cauldron of life’s flame was scorching, and his pillar of life towered to the sky... With sonorous roars, the runes on the pillar of life began to spin and immediately created an ancient mark.

Chapter 716: Lightning Field

“Boom!” The old mark rushed out from the pillar in the fate palace and instantly stood guard in front of Li Qiye. A series of thumping sounds emerged as the mark turned into multiple universal laws that were seemingly made out of divine metal.

These laws intertwined into a supreme chapter. With a buzzing sound, the book transformed into a spatial vortex that instantly began to swirl.

“Rumble!” The swirling spatial vortex created a terrifying gravitational pull. Even the waves of lightning lost control and were sucked into this vortex.

The treefather was also astounded after seeing this. He had suppressed this lightning before; at that time, they gravely injured him. He was well aware of their power. Not to mention Li Qiye, even Virtuous Paragons would not be able to use their most powerful law to withstand it, let alone absorb them.

The treefather shuddered at Li Qiye’s intention of devouring this lightning. This was a grand tribulation from the high heavens! Even a Godking like himself wouldn’t be able to do so; this person’s ambition was too great.

He didn’t know that the mark from Li Qiye’s pillar of life was not ordinary. Li Qiye had obtained an ancient and heaven-shattering mark from the world tree. After a long and boring period of refinement, he was able to turn it into a heaven-defying chapter as

well as the most mysterious mark. This runic chapter, combined with his pillar of life, could be considered a whole new dao epoch!

To use this dao beginning to open a space that belonged to his pillar of life and absorb the lightning was something only Li Qiye could do.

As Li Qiye devoured even more lightning, the spatial vortex seemed to have reached its maximum capacity. Waves of lightning then appeared inside the pillar of life as explosions appeared everywhere. Without a doubt, the more lightning he absorbed, the closer his pillar of life came to the brink of collapse since it couldn't handle the endless waves of lightning.

Even more crackles could be heard as lightning rampaged through his body. Some small sparks even exploded from his body, creating even more detonations.

In an instant, a burning smell could be found emanating from Li Qiye's body. It seemed that Li Qiye had reached his limit. The lightning aimed to burn him to a crisp.

After smelling this scent, the treefather became worried and quickly asked: "Young Noble Li, are you okay?"

"Open!" Li Qiye roared. With another explosion, a bunch of fate palaces appeared above his head amidst the action. A series of rumbles resounded as if his pillar of life was becoming even larger and shot up towards the sky!

“Bang! Bang! Bang!” The moment all of his fate palaces appeared, the power of the spatial vortex soared exponentially. It crazily devoured all the lightning like a funnel. Eventually, all the lightning was absorbed by this void.

The beginning was only a test. At this moment, Li Qiye let go of all caution and opened all of his fate palaces, allowing his pillar to absorb the endless lightning.

“Twelve fate palaces...” The moment all of his palaces appeared, the treefather’s expression greatly shifted. Twelve palaces, unique among all eons!

“Wait, not right...” Very quickly, the treefather was able to see the thirteenth palace soaring above the rest as if it was hiding in the clouds.

“Thirteen palaces!” The treefather quickly went from feeling shocked to being aghast. Even an apex existence like himself who lived for many years and had seen countless miracles was frightened. He needed to take several steps back from the jolt.

In an instant, his old pair of eyes opened wide while gazing at the thirteenth palace hovering above all the others. He even rubbed his eyes since he thought he was only seeing things.

However, after rubbing his eyes for a while, the thirteenth palace was still there, meaning that it was not only in his mind!

“This... This... is not possible...” The treefather couldn’t accept what his eyes were telling him. He took a deep breath and tried to soak in this reality.

He had never seen a cultivator with twelve palaces before. As for eleven, he had only heard of some geniuses opening this many and never saw it with his own eyes. He had once seen a youngster open ten palaces. This youth was extremely brilliant and was considered the number one genius of the Stone Medicine World during that era. Although he didn’t become an Immortal Emperor, he was able to reach the peak and become an invincible master.

But today, the treefather not only saw twelve palaces, he also saw a thirteenth! Any cultivator with the slightest sliver of common sense would know that twelve palaces was the limit. Since the start of time, even Immortal Emperors were not able to break through the limit of twelve palaces!

Moreover, having twelve palaces was not only unheard of, such an occurrence only belonged in the legends such as Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng. Moreover, this was only speculation from future descendants, and no one actually knew the truth.

The treefather looked at Li Qiye’s thirteenth palace as if he was looking at a ghost. He was truly frightened! If someone had twelve palaces, then the treefather would definitely value such a person since they would become the next Immortal Emperor.

But right now, Li Qiye had thirteen! Anyone would be horrified after seeing this with their own eyes, and Godkings were no exceptions.

The treefather became absent-minded while looking at the palace and murmured: “Thirteen palaces, a unique miracle throughout the eons, unprecedented and unchallenged for all eternity...”

At this second, he understood where Li Qiye’s confidence came from. Anyone with thirteen palaces would definitely become an Immortal Emperor. Everyone else, no matter how brilliant they might be, would only be eclipsed by him.

He was at a loss for words as he understood why the arrogant Li Qiye said to not compare him to just anybody.

With thirteen palaces, he truly had the ability. No matter if it was Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng or Imperial Edge Mei Aonan, both of them would eventually be overshadowed by him.

While Li Qiye crazily absorbed the lightning, bolts of lightning would occasionally flash above Allpine Mountain. Many guests didn’t know what was going on. Some understood that something strange was happening, but they didn’t dare to delve into it.

As for the Allpine disciples, both Heavenly Kings and seclusive Virtuous Paragons had serious expressions. They didn’t dare to relax, causing the atmosphere of the mountain to become quite serious. Such a change was felt by the guests despite not knowing what events were transpiring.

During this instant, at a certain place in the ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom existed a palace. The Huangfu Clan Master

was finally able to come to this place and see the main descendant of the imperial family, the Alchemy Kingdom Princess, Ming Yexue!

In order to enter this place, the clan master had expended countless efforts and used many connections.

The clan master couldn't see Ming Yexue's appearance since she was sitting in a pavilion that was covered by a thin veil. If he wanted to take another step forward, he would immediately be stopped by a group of old women standing guard.

The clan master obediently stood in front of the palace pavilion and bowed his head to say: "The 193rd Huangfu Clan Master greets Fairy Ming. Fairy Ming is the most brilliant jewel of our Stone Medicine World and the pride of our Alchemy Kingdom. The Huangfu Clan is also proud of you. Just imagine that year, when the Ming Clan's Sacred Saint married a member of our Huangfu Clan..."

Although the Huangfu Clan claimed to be related to Ming Yexue, and when Huangfu Hao was alive, he even told others that Ming Yexue was his little cousin, the Huangfu Clan didn't dare to carelessly bring up this relation in front of her. After all, their connection was quite thin. It could even be said that the two sides hadn't contacted each other for a long time.

If the clan master imprudently brought up this connection and made Ming Yexue unhappy, then it would be quite disadvantageous for the Huangfu Clan. Although their clan's power was mighty, it was nothing compared to the imperial

family.

“What business does Huangfu Clan Master have to see me?” A very pleasant voice came from inside the pavilion to interrupt the clan master’s flattery and his attempt to build a relationship.

“Dear Fairy, my Huangfu Clan is weak and was bullied by others. The human brute, Li Qiye, has no restraint. He openly insulted the Alchemy Kingdom and our imperial family. My Hao’er tried to stop this injustice to protect our Alchemy Kingdom’s reputation, thus he quarreled against the brute, Li Qiye. Who would have thought that this brute was so vicious and actually killed Hao’er! He even declared his intention to destroy the Alchemy Kingdom...”

Chapter 717: Dispelling The Tribulation

According to the clan master's narrative, Li Qiye had become a heinous murderer who wanted to become enemies with the Alchemy Kingdom and bring about its destruction. As for his son, Huangfu Hao became a heroic martyr, sacrificing himself for the Alchemy Kingdom's reputation. Even before his death, his son was still completely loyal to the kingdom...

"I have heard your words." The pleasant voice from the pavilion responded. Although one couldn't see her figure, they could easily imagine just how pretty she was from her voice alone.

Ming Yexue continued: "Huangfu Clan Master can return now. The Alchemy Kingdom will deal with this matter."

"But..." The Huangfu Clan Master wanted more than just this after spending so much effort for this audience.

"Please return." The voice inside the pavilion no longer said anything else. An old woman inside the palace stopped the clan master and turned him away.

What else could the clan master do? Even a character like him didn't dare to act recklessly in this place.

After he left, an old woman's voice asked the figure inside the pavilion: "Young Lady wishes to deal with this problem?"

“I’m clear of what the Huangfu Clan wants.” Ming Yexue replied: “Huangfu Hao courted death. There are some people that he couldn’t afford offending in this world.”

“Let them deal with this themselves, the Huangfu Clan isn’t a commendable sect anyway.” The old woman commented.

In response, Ming Yexue mused: “The Huangfu Clan will not give up so easily. They do have some influence in the Alchemy Kingdom.”

“If they dare to act recklessly, then they are wishing for their own destruction!” Stated the old woman coldly.

“Boom boom!” In the deepest underground crevice of Allpine Mountain, the last lightning bolt in this location was finally absorbed by Li Qiye.

At this time, the pillar of life inside Li Qiye’s fate palaces was full of crackling lightning. At this moment, Li Qiye appeared to be a thunder god as lightning ran through his body.

He couldn’t help but sigh as he withdrew the spatial vortex since he was finally successful. Li Qiye had analyzed the treefather’s tribulation before. He had other methods of repelling the remnants of this tribulation, but it would require more time. By using the ancient runes and absorbing this lightning field, it

became much simpler. Moreover, by doing so, he would become something akin to a thunder god with mighty power.

The treefather also breathed a sigh of relief and smiled after seeing Li Qiye's success; it was as if a load was lifted off his back. Li Qiye didn't only save him, but also the entire Allpine Mountain. More importantly, he was now free to roam the nine worlds without any restrictions. It was time for him to see the outside world!

After cutting off his main root, he could only live for one more generation. The moment his lifespan withered, he would die just like other cultivators. However, he had no regrets.

He had lived for many years and had several generations of dao. He himself had reached the top and was capable of looking down on all beings. At the same time, he had disciples everywhere, and many were quite famous.

Ultimately, not being able to leave Allpine Mountain for millions of years due to being rooted here was quite a shame. Thus, this action of his was without any regrets even if he had to die sooner.

"This is..." After the lightning field was absorbed, the surroundings became empty. However, Li Qiye found an item floating there.

Li Qiye reached out and grabbed the item. When he opened his palm for a look, he noticed that it was quite small and resembled an eye. Moreover, it was not an ordinary eye; it appeared to be

composed of numerous arcs of lightning woven together.

It seemed that innumerable arcs of lightning — like silk strings — wove together to form this eye, and occasionally, thunder would explode from within the eye. This created quite a majestic spectacle like the opening of an endless sky filled with lighting — quite unfathomable.

The treefather looked at this thunderous eye and asked with surprise: “What is this thing?”

He had previously been suppressing this life reduction tribulation, but he didn’t know that there was such an item in this place.

“A bit interesting.” Li Qiye also looked at it for a while without saying anything else. Moments later, he put away this thunderous eye and told the treefather: “Congratulations, Treefather. From now on, the sky is free for you to soar and the sea is free for you to dive. The nine worlds might be vast, but you are free to roam as you please to witness their beautiful spectacles.”

“This is all thanks to Young Noble.” The treefather couldn’t help but smile. He could finally freely travel across the nine worlds, so he held an irrepressible excitement in his heart.

Li Qiye also smiled and said: “In the future, you won’t just be traveling in the nine worlds. You will follow me to sweep through the ten worlds and myriad realms. I will lead you to the apex, to step into the mysterious realm that even Immortal Emperors chase

after. One day, you will understand just how vast and mighty this magnificent world is. You will definitely not waste your last generation.”

The treefather couldn't contain his emotions. He took a deep breath and solemnly nodded: “When we sweep through the realms in the future, my old bones will be the first to rush forward at your command!” Prior to this, the treefather swore loyalty to Li Qiye due to having to fulfill his part of the transaction.

But now, everything changed. After seeing Li Qiye's thirteenth palace, the treefather immediately understood something about the future. An extraordinary Immortal Emperor would rise, one never-before-seen and never to reappear, one that would even surpass Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng and Empress Hong Tian!

Because of this, his last words came from his heart, a true oath of loyalty to Li Qiye.

Li Qiye chuckled and said: “That future is still very far from now. Let us create a glorious era together in the future. Your birthday is about to come, so go ahead and celebrate it first.”

“Young Noble will be the most distinguished guest at my birthday.” The treefather laughed freely. His mood was especially good since all of his past worries had been swept away.

“I don't have a grand gift for your birthday.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “However, I can pass down another part of the Emperor Suppression Art to you, allowing you to progress one step further!”

“Another legacy of Empress Hong Tian!” The treefather was shocked after hearing this. Empress Hong Tian was definitely one of the strongest emperors in history. Since he cultivated the Emperor Suppression Art, he naturally understood just how powerful her legacy art was.

“That’s right.” Li Qiye nodded and said: “However, the condition is that I need to first see your Emperor Suppression Art. You won’t think that I am trying to swindle your art, will you?” Li Qiye chuckled after saying this.

The treefather smiled and said: “If Young Noble needs the Emperor Suppression Art, then you wouldn’t need to resort to trickery. I am willing to hand it over to Young Noble since, in your hands, it will shine even more brilliantly in the future!”

These words were truly sincere. With thirteen palaces, Li Qiye cultivating his legacy would be a cause for joy. In the future, this would let his legacy flourish and be celebrated for ages to come.

Li Qiye smiled and didn’t say anything else. He only quietly sighed inside. By using the treefather’s Emperor Suppression Art, he could find the old legacy of the empress. He personally trained her in the past, so how could he not understand her legacy?

However, even if he was able to find it, he didn’t want to cultivate or use this legacy. Outsiders wouldn’t understand the matters between him and the empress.

Madam Zi Yan heaved a sigh of relief after seeing her Young Master return with the treefather. She quickly went up to meet them and earnestly asked: “Young Master, was it successful?”

Li Qiye slightly nodded and didn’t say anything else. The madam was happy to see him like this. Her Young Master was able to deal with the treefather’s problem which meant that the treefather would pledge loyalty to him. Who could stop her Young Master when he had a Godking under his banner?

Li Qiye bade farewell to the treefather and returned to their valley in the carriage with the madam.

Meanwhile, the disciples of the mountains were ecstatic to hear the treefather was finally able to resolve his life reduction tribulation. The atmosphere of the entire mountain immediately turned joyous.

Before this, the disciples planned this special birthday for the treefather for two reasons. First, it was to let outsiders know that their ancestor was still fine. The second was to hold the grandest birthday celebration for him because they didn’t know how long he could hold out for. Because of this, while he was still alive, they decided to hold this celebration in his honor for living 500,000 years!

But now, the winds had turned. Two happy events were simultaneously being celebrated in one occasion, so how could the

disciples not be excited? All of a sudden, lanterns were lit up and decorative banners could be found as far as the eye could see, causing the atmosphere to be quite lively.

Although the guests didn't know what had happened, they could clearly sense the change of atmosphere.

Chapter 718: Lightning Eye

Li Qiye immediately took out the pentagate after returning to the valley. He also took out the seed from a box, the seed created by the fusion of the Evil Typha Tree and the Bloodsoul Worm.

With a series of rumbles, Li Qiye opened his fate palace, revealing his pillar of life. With crackles in the air, tiny arcs of lightning left the pillar and condensed into the size of a palm.

These palm-sized arcs of lightning merged together to become a clear sea of lightning. This was a vast ocean formed purely from lightning. Li Qiye placed this seed into the sea of lightning. The moment it made contact, it immediately felt danger and wanted to escape. However, Li Qiye's will was like a gigantic palm and quickly suppressed it.

Under his suppression, the seed was immersed in the sea, causing crackling explosions to ring out. The seed seemed to be thrown into a pan of oil and would be fried to a crisp at a moment's notice!

With careful examination, one would see bloody mists in the form of little tentacles beginning to emerge from the seed, desperately resisting the offense from the sea of lightning. However, as it bore the brunt of the onslaught, something incredible happened.

These bloody tentacle mists actually managed to devour the lightning as if they wanted to suck them dry.

This process was very slow, but as time passed, the lightning was gradually absorbed by these sponge-like tentacles.

Li Qiye subtly smiled after seeing this result. It was exactly what he wanted. He aimed to refine and change this seed to create an unprecedented seed.

When the lightning was about to be completely absorbed by the seed, his pillar of life released even more lightning arcs that eventually turned into another sea of lightning. The seed was, once again, submerged and began to crazily absorb the lightning.

This process repeated itself multiple times under Li Qiye's control. The amount of lightning released by the pillar of life was just enough each time.

This lightning from the pillar of life was extremely destructive. If it wasn't done right, then it could instantly destroy the seed. Because of this, Li Qiye was very meticulous, releasing just the right amount of lightning each time so that the seed could withstand and absorb its power.

After quite a bit of time, the seed eventually consumed enough lightning. It seemed to be very plump as flashes of lightning ran on its surface as if it was a lightning seed.

Li Qiye carefully examined it one more time and found that there were no problems. He heaved a sigh of relief and sealed the seed again. Then, he took out a different item; it appeared as if he was holding lightning in his hand.

This was the lightning eye that he had just obtained. Of course, this name was something Li Qiye came up with on the spot, it wasn't a real eye.

Li Qiye took his time looking at this lightning eye. After a long while, he figured out a thing or two about it. After revealing a slight smile, he put it away. Next was the yellow cloth. The moment he took it out, the little black figure appeared above it once more.

“Hmph, you definitely don't have anything good to say.” The little figure scowled and said: “Don't tell me there is something you don't understand and now you're asking me for help?”

Li Qiye smiled and gently shook his head before replying: “Little girl, don't brag too much. Although you have lived for countless years, it isn't considered “living”. During those long years, you were only a little shadow in this yellow cloth, sealed for countless moons. The puny amount of knowledge you have cannot even compare to mine.”

“Bah, if that is the case, then don't bother me.” The little figure sneered.

Li Qiye gestured with his sleeves in a carefree manner as he cheerfully said: “You are misunderstanding me. Today, I am in a good mood and only wanted to find someone to talk to. How about we talk about the high heavens or the archaic epoch?”

“Talk about the high heavens? The archaic epoch?” The little shadow snorted and said: “What would you know about the high heavens and the old ages? Don’t bother me.”

Li Qiye didn’t become angered by the disdain shown by the little figure. He lightly smiled before speaking: “Yes... the high heavens and the archaic epoch... How much do you think I know? In the future, I will destroy the high heavens up above and annihilate the... how should I call them? In the end, people consider these things to be of non-existence...”

The little shadow snorted before sarcastically repeating: “To destroy the high heavens... such big words!”

Li Qiye chuckled and added: “What is impossible about this? Throughout the long years, yes, I don’t quite remember the exact time, legend states that there was an unseekable existence in the Tenth World. Did you know? In those long years, a crow swept across this world and its locations. Do you know the things this crow had done?”

“You actually know about the Tenth World!” The little figure deepened her tone.

“Mmm, only its existence though.” Li Qiye smiled and dismissively said: “Maybe I don’t know anything. This was only part of the legend. It stated that outside of the Nine Worlds was the Tenth World. Whether this is true or not is beyond the ability of man to confirm because no one had heard of someone who had gone to that world. Because of this, the Tenth World is only considered a legend.”

The little figure scowled and asked: “Hmph, what else do you know?”

Li Qiye continued: “Little girl, I know more than you think. You should understand that I have obtained the secrets inside this cloth. The things you know are far less than me, including the events of ancient and distant eras.”

“If you already knew, then why do you want to talk to me?” The little figure grimaced.

Li Qiye freely replied: “Well, there are some things that I can take my time searching for as I walk back in time to unknown eras. Of course, if there is someone willing to talk to me about these things, then I am more than willing to listen.”

“I don’t like talking to you!” The little figure coldly responded with a sneer.

Li Qiye smiled and relaxingly said: “Little girl, no need to act so tough. You should know very clearly by now from our previous conversation. One day, you will be able to come out and leave this yellow cloth, right? However, this will require my assistance, don’t you think?”

The little figure coldly asked: “Is this considered a threat?”

Li Qiye laughed and said: “How could this be considered a threat?”

I am simply reminding you out of goodwill. I am extending an offer to you; what's best for you right now is to make friends with me, yes? If we are friends, then it will be a different story, right? Of course, I am a person who is always willing to help others as it brings me happiness. Even if it is not a friend, I will gladly help them. However, business is business. Friends have a 'friend' price and strangers have a 'stranger' price."

"Do you only know how to talk in such a loquacious manner?" The little figure coldly spoke after listening to him.

"When I am loquacious, it means that my mood is very good. Otherwise, I would have beat you back into your jar and ignored you. Do you feel like I should be asking you for a favor or vice versa? At this moment, I am speaking with you because I am in a good mood and have time to kill."

After some a brief silence, the little figure eventually asked: "What do you want to talk about?"

Li Qiye smiled; it was as if he expected this outcome. "This is more like it. We can talk about anything. Tell me about the matters of that era, then I will introduce you to the current world."

Eventually, the little figure gave up and conversed with Li Qiye. It seemed that they were only making small talk. However, if someone else could hear the contents of their chat, they would definitely be shocked because the matters they were talking about were all earth-shattering. Although it might be trivial matters to them, they were unreachable matters for others. Even if others

searched for them using their entire lifetime, they still wouldn't be able to reach the starting point.

High heavens, archaic epoch, Tenth World... All of these were legends. Many people actually denied their existence, but these two were happily chatting about them.

Whether it was the high heavens or the Tenth World, very few people could come into contact with these things, let alone debate about this subject.

This was especially true for the Tenth World. Many cultivators believed that it did not exist and was only a false rumor. However, the world did not know that this empty legend involved many sects unbeknownst to them.

Chapter 719: Grand Birthday

On the day of the birthday celebration, Alpine Mountain was boiling with excitement. One could only see a great banquet with countless tables prepared in the sky for just as many guests; this was a spectacular scene!

The numerous big shots of the world sat in a particular order for this feast. The layout resembled something one would find in a heavenly court.

These big shots quickly raised their cups to celebrate the treefather's birthday. The untouchable existences such as the Alchemy Kingdom, the Jianlong Clan, and the Beastmaster Citadel all had people present at this feast.

When the treefather appeared, he sat in the seat of honor. Another young man also appeared at this feast and sat down next to the treefather. This young man was no other than Li Qiye.

When the treefather appeared, the scene went completely silent as everyone looked at him. Many people also set their gazes upon Li Qiye, who was sitting by his side.

Those who could sit near the front were all experts from imperial lineages, such as the Alchemy Kingdom, the Jianlong Clan, and the Beastmaster Citadel... only they were qualified to have the closest seats. However, a young man like Li Qiye was actually able to sit next to the treefather. How prestigious was this position? This was much higher than the imperial lineages!

Even the direct disciples of the treefather could only stand next to him, but a junior like Li Qiye was now seated with him side by side. This was a cause for surprise to many people.

This caused many guests to become quite puzzled. They didn't know why a junior like Li Qiye was qualified to occupy such a seat. That seat was even more prestigious than the ones for guests from the Alchemy Kingdom and the Jianlong Clan!

Though speculations ran wild in the minds of the guests, the feast was still quiet. No matter who they might be, no one dared to act presumptuously in the presence of the treefather, including those from the imperial lineages!

Compared to the other guests, the imperial lineages knew a few more things, especially the Alchemy Kingdom who had a good relationship with the treefather.

In fact, once the Alchemy Kingdom's guest saw the treefather appearing at the feast, he became quite startled because the kingdom had once tried to help the treefather. Although they were unsuccessful, the kingdom became privy to the secret behind the scenes.

But now, the appearance of the treefather made this guest realize a thing or two; he looked at Li Qiye in amazement.

At this moment, the treefather cleared his throat and looked at the guests before slowly speaking: "Today is this old man's 500,000

year birthday celebration, and everyone traveled from distant lands to get here. I am very grateful for this, so I offer everyone a toast!” Having said that, he slowly raised his jade cup.

All of the guests present quickly raised their cups as well; no one dared to show any disrespect. To many of the cultivators here, the treefather was an apex existence. No one dared to act disrespectfully lest they cause the treefather to become unhappy, especially on a day like this.

“The Huangfu Clan’s Second Ancestor is here to celebrate the demon forefather’s birthday.” An announcement came after the treefather’s toast.

After obtaining the treefather’s approval, an old man, along with ten other elderly men, appeared in an instant.

This old man approached step by step while constantly exuding a volatile atmosphere. At a first glance, he was not very eye-catching since he was thin and withered; others could even feel the depleted vitality in his body! Nevertheless, he still induced quivers into the hearts of others.

Especially the ephemeral aura on his body, it gave quite a dreadful sensation as if it could shatter the galaxy and the heavenly firmament. Anyone would be startled when facing this terrifying aura. Despite being near death, he was still very frightening. He could pluck the stars in the sky and slay dragons!

The other ten old men next to him were all powerful experts.

Although they hid their blood energies, others could still sense their horrifying strength.

Nevertheless, no matter how powerful they might be, these eleven old men all hid their auras and didn't dare to posture in this place.

“The Huangfu Clan's Second Ancestor!” Many big shots were secretly alarmed after seeing this old man.

One from a great power even murmured: “The Second Ancestor of the Huangfu Clan actually came into being... This is a bit too scary.”

Although some great powers who had ties with the Huangfu Clan had never seen this old man before, they also felt chills after hearing the position of “Second Ancestor”.

Rumor has it that the Huangfu Clan had four sealed ancestors. Outside of the ancestor who was killed at the Giant Bamboo Country, there were three others. All four of them were said to be incredible Virtuous Paragons, and the Sacred Ancestor was the most unfathomable.

In the Huangfu Clan, outside of the Sacred Ancestor, the Second Ancestor was the strongest. Once this type of great power's ancestor was sealed underground, they would not easily come into being. Breaking the Blood Era Stones required them to pay a big price.

However, the Huangfu Clan's Second Ancestor had arrived, causing many people to realize that he didn't only come here for the birthday celebration.

"The Huangfu Clan is here to celebrate Demon Forefather's 500,000th birthday." The Second Ancestor came before the treefather and cupped his hands together, saying: "A small token of respect, I hope Treefather will accept."

Having said that, he raised an ancient box with both hands. Even a Virtuous Paragon like him was only a junior in front of the treefather.

Who knew what was inside the box? However, the treefather didn't take a look. He only let a disciple next to him to go and accept this gift.

After the Second Ancestor gave his blessings, he solemnly said: "The treefather's prestige is widely spread and worthy of our admiration. However, there is one thing that I cannot keep silent."

The Second Ancestor caused a stir in the crowd as many spectators held their breaths. Everyone knew that something was about to happen.

The treefather glanced at the Second Ancestor and slowly uttered: "Speak your mind."

The Second Ancestor took a deep breath and spoke in a solemn

yet sentimental manner: “Hao’er was the only inheritor of our Huangfu Clan, the one who would inherit our legacy. Not long ago, he represented our clan to come celebrate Demon Forefather’s birthday, but who would have expected such terrible news of his death at Allpine Mountain?!”

All the guests shivered at this statement. Everyone knew that this matter was not so simple.

After hearing this declaration, the Maple King coughed and quickly said: “Second Ancestor, there is a misunderstanding regarding this.”

The Second Ancestor looked at the Maple King and lowered his tone: “I don’t know if it was a misunderstanding or not, but my Hao’er died at Allpine Mountain! Can you take responsibility and give my Huangfu Clan an acceptable answer?!”

Without a doubt, this Virtuous Paragon Second Ancestor didn’t put an expert of the Maple King’s level in his eyes. He wanted to speak with the treefather, not someone like the Maple King.

The treefather remained calm while staring at the ancestor. He didn’t reveal his attitude when he replied: “State your Huangfu Clan’s wish.”

“Today, I came after being asked by our Sacred Ancestor to find out about our Hao’er’s death.” The Second Ancestor solemnly said: “Our Hao’er died miserably at the hands of this brat, but this brat has now become Demon Forefather’s esteemed guest, I am very

confused about this.”

“Are you saying that my Allpine Mountain conspired with Young Noble Li to murder your Huangfu Clan’s main descendant?” The treefather spoke lightly.

The Second Ancestor quickly responded: “No, no, that was not what I was implying. Allpine Mountain is righteous and noble with an unrivaled reputation, so how could it commit such an act? This brat’s mouth could spew out clusters of lotuses and change right to wrong, so I’m afraid that a few disciples of the mountain could have been tricked by him.”

No one dared to say a word at this moment. Although many people here were famous characters, this was a conversation of the Virtuous Paragon level. They were not qualified to join in.

The treefather remained indifferent and calmly asked: “So how does your Huangfu Clan want to settle this?”

The Second Ancestor took a deep breath and solemnly said: “Regarding my Hao’er’s death, we must investigate this matter or else the world will laugh at our Huangfu Clan’s incompetence. The Sacred Ancestor’s wish is for Demon Forefather to hand this brat over to our clan, to give us justice!”

“Of course, my Huangfu Clan will not slander anyone.” The ancestor paused for a moment before continuing: “After Demon Forefather hands this brat over to our clan, we will investigate this matter. At that time, my clan and the Alchemy Kingdom will

conduct a trial together. Even if he killed Hao'er, we will still give him a fair trial!"

The Second Ancestor went out of his way to bring up their Sacred Ancestor and the Alchemy Kingdom. This was a clear hint to others. Many people knew that their Sacred Ancestor was unfathomable. Moreover, the Huangfu Clan and the Alchemy Kingdom were in-laws. This was common knowledge to the rest of the Stone Medicine World.

"The Alchemy Kingdom?" After hearing this, the treefather smiled as his gaze fell upon the guest from the Alchemy Kingdom.

This guest quickly stood up and said: "This junior cannot take charge of this matter and needs to report to the elders." He was not stupid enough to easily get involved in these muddy waters.

The treefather withdrew his gaze and looked at the Second Ancestor to say: "So, the Huangfu Clan wants my Allpine Mountain to hand over our guest?"

The Second Ancestor quickly answered: "Please don't misunderstand, Demon Forefather. This brat has ulterior motives. He mixed in with the guests, aiming to cause rifts between the sects. This person killed my Hao'er at Allpine Mountain in order to besmirch Allpine Mountain's unparalleled reputation! The brat is neither a disciple nor a guest of the mountain, he is just a vicious brat with diabolical intentions! Allpine Mountain shouldn't tolerate such a cruel and malicious junior like this, wouldn't you say, Demon Forefather?"

There was a reason why the Second Ancestor appeared here so suddenly. The big shots also understood the implications behind his words and, at the same time, found the answer to a few of their questions.

Chapter 720: Controlling The Black Dragon

The Second Ancestor's words were quite risky, but the Huangfu Clan had no other choice. Li Qiye suddenly being seated in the esteemed seat of the treefather's banquet — this was the one thing the Huangfu Clan feared the most.

No outsiders knew how much longer the treefather could live since this was his 500,000th birthday. There were even rumors about his lifespan being depleted.

If, on this grand day, the treefather picked Li Qiye as his last disciple or if Li Qiye successfully convinced the treefather to leave the mountain to become his dao protector, either result was not a good thing for the Huangfu Clan.

No matter what the reason was, Li Qiye sitting in that spot signified his unusual status at Allpine Mountain.

It would be prohibitively more difficult for the Huangfu Clan to take revenge. Furthermore, they didn't only want revenge, they also wanted to capture Li Qiye alive to torture him and seize all of his treasures along with his supreme dao of alchemy!

Thus, the Second Ancestor appeared just in time to try and prevent this outcome from happening.

The Giant Bamboo Country's Divine Guardian suddenly showed its might while Li Qiye and Madam Zi Yan came to celebrate the treefather's birthday. Keep in mind that the treefather and the

Giant Bamboo Divine Guardian were named the two great demon forefathers! Because of this, the chance of the treefather taking in Li Qiye as a disciple or him becoming Li Qiye's dao protector was quite plausible.

The Second Ancestor was hoping that Alpine Mountain would abandon Li Qiye in order to save its own reputation.

After all, the treefather was renowned in this world with numerous students scattered everywhere. He also took great care of his own reputation. He couldn't afford to admit protecting a murderer like Li Qiye on his birthday before everyone in the world!

Because of this, the Second Ancestor also tried his best to drag the Alchemy Kingdom into this. Once the Alchemy Kingdom became involved, everything would become easy and according to plan. He knew that this was very risky, but it was worth it!

"Are you saying you want my Alpine Mountain to hand over Li Qiye to get rid of a cruel villain?" The treefather was not angry and, in fact, even smiled kindly. The Second Ancestor became relieved; he felt that there was a chance after seeing this kind smile.

He quickly responded: "Demon Forefather's righteousness and integrity are well known in the world. Demon Forefather is the role model of our Stone Medicine World, and Forefather's conducts are praiseworthy and admirable. I myself could only prostrate in admiration..." At this time, he quickly praised the treefather so that the treefather couldn't say no.

“Stop. Don’t put me on such a high pedestal.” The treefather interrupted the ancestor and gently waved his sleeve to say: “I am now very old, so I can’t get up that high. I’ll fall down and break my bones.”

At this point, the treefather cleared his throat before continuing: “My old bones can’t handle such a big matter. What does Young Noble Li think about this?” His gaze fell upon Li Qiye after saying so.

Li Qiye remained seated in his seat as a faint smile appeared on his face. It was as if this matter had nothing to do with him.

It wasn’t until the treefather’s question that he glanced at the Second Ancestor and leisurely said: “Today is Treefather’s great birthday, so how could we bother Treefather on such an auspicious day? If people want to come find trouble, then let me deal with them.”

After hearing this, the Second Ancestor’s eyes suddenly turned cold as he glared at Li Qiye while uttering: “Nothing would be better than you realizing this. Be obedient and leave with me so that we will not disturb Demon Forefather’s banquet. My Huangfu Clan will not hurt you, and we will give you a fair trial in the near future!”

The Second Ancestor’s words were more pleasant than songs. However, once Li Qiye fell into their hands, they would exhaust all means to drain him dry!

“You are mistaken about this.” Li Qiye laughed and shook his head to say: “Who says I am going with you? What I was trying to say was that today is the treefather’s 500,000th birthday — this is quite a rare event. Out of consideration for this joyous occasion, I will not cause trouble or lower myself to your level. Before I become angry, return from whence you came. I will pretend that nothing had happened.”

Li Qiye’s words caused the Second Ancestor’s expression to quickly change! All of the guests here glanced at each other. Many of them felt that Li Qiye’s words were too contemptuous. The Second Ancestor was a Virtuous Paragon! No matter the level, this was a terrifying existence and not someone a Heavenly King could fight!

But now, a junior like Li Qiye dared to speak to a Virtuous Paragon in this manner. Did this mean that he had the support of the treefather, so he could act unrestrained?

“What does Demon Forefather think about this?” The shocked ancestor took a deep breath then looked at the treefather, wanting to understand his stance.

The treefather only waved his hand and dismissively said: “My opinion isn’t important, it is up to Young Noble Li.” At this moment, his attitude had become a lot colder.

Who was the treefather? He was an apex existence, so how could he not understand the Second Ancestor’s scheme? He simply

didn't want to make a move, that was all.

Li Qiye, on the other hand, smiled and said: "You have already busied yourself for half a day out of fear that the treefather might involve himself, causing your plan to fail. Why the need to beat around the bush for so long? Don't worry, there is no need for the treefather to involve himself in this matter, I alone can take care of you all. I will say it one last time, scram immediately before I slaughter all of you. Although staining this celebration with blood is disrespectful to the treefather, my patience is limited!"

The Second Ancestor was immediately shaking with rage. He could no longer hold back and shouted: "Ignorant fool!" As a Virtuous Paragon worshiped and feared by all, how could he handle being yelled at by a junior like this? If it wasn't for the treefather's presence, he would have already killed this junior.

"Scram!" Li Qiye's eyes suddenly turned fierce. In an instant, a death energy emerged and diffused into the air. The Death Chapter appeared after his shout and quickly shot into the ground.

"Arrrrr!" The roar of a True Dragon resounded. With a crash, a huge black dragon flew out from the ground all the way to the sky. The moment it reached the air, it was as if a huge mountain range appeared in the sky.

It was completely black and its scales seemed to be made from black metal, reflecting the sunlight. The giant dragon's eyes emitted a dark and profound light as if it came from the depths of hell.

It emitted a terrifying aura as if a Godking or True Dragon had arrived. Even Heavenly Kings trembled before its presence.

“A True Dragon!” One of the guests was frightened and screamed in horror. The weaker of the guests were frozen in their seats. Even the big shots became pale and thought that it was a True Dragon.

The treefather was also astonished when he saw this black dragon. Only he knew what this black dragon was.

“Aoooo!” The black dragon in the sky roared and slashed down towards the ten old men next to the Second Ancestor with its claws.

“Die!” The ten old men cried out in response and wanted to slay this beast. However, it didn’t matter that they were Heavenly Kings, they couldn’t reach the apex when facing the black dragon ahead.

Under one claw, all ten were immediately captured by the black dragon, and all of their weapons were crushed.

“Animal, you dare?!” The Second Ancestor was extremely alarmed. He let out a deafening cry and soared into the sky to kill this black dragon.

However, it was already too late. With a crushing sound, the ten

old men of the Huangfu Clan were squeezed to death without being given a chance to scream.

“Die!” The Second Ancestor crazily roared. In an instant, all of his blood energy erupted to the max. His supreme merit law reached across the entire sky.

The black dragon was not afraid. It roared as well and raised its fangs to meet the Second Ancestor. All of a sudden, a battle between the ancestor and the beast ensued in the air.

The Second Ancestor didn't hold anything back. His ferocious Virtuous Paragon's might engulfed the world. However, no matter how he tried, he was still not a match for this black dragon. After just a few short exchanges, he found himself at a disadvantage and was forced back repeatedly by this dragon.

A battle of the paragon level caused many guests to become shocked. Just their auras alone rendered them short of breath.

“Is this really a True Dragon?” A guest couldn't help but wonder after seeing the dragon pushing the ancestor back repeatedly. Keep in mind that the Second Ancestor from the Huangfu Clan was unfathomable and had been sealed underground for a very long time.

If it wasn't a True Dragon, then how could it push a Virtuous Paragon back with just several moves?

“Open!” The Second Ancestor screamed and summoned a mirror. At this point, he was covered in bloody wounds after being defeated by the dragon in just five moves. His injuries were quite severe.

In the blink of an eye, the summoned mirror poured down a boundless divine light. Once this divine light fell upon the black dragon, it revealed the black dragon’s true body.

Chapter 721: Allpine Treefather's Turn

There were no dragon claws, no dragon horns, and there also weren't any dragon scales. The body revealed by this divine light was an extremely huge tree root that was completely black as if it was metal. This huge tree root flying in the sky seemed to be a coiling dragon!

Many guests were surprised to see that this black dragon was not a real dragon and instead only a huge root. Some inadvertently glanced over at the treefather; their first thought was that the treefather was helping Li Qiye!

The Allpine Treefather was originally a pine tree, so now when a tree root turned into a dragon to attack the Second Ancestor, many people couldn't help but think that the treefather was protecting Li Qiye.

Of course, the treefather was being wrongfully suspected. No one knew that Li Qiye was only using the Death Chapter to summon the most powerful dead creature from underground. However, this root truly had a big relation to the treefather; it was the main root that he slashed off. He wanted to break away from the Allpine Grand Vein, so he cut off his own root.

Although the separated root had lost its life, it was already in the deepest parts of the mountain. When Li Qiye came to the mountain, he had tried to search for it.

At this time, he used the Death Chapter to summon it and turned

it into a black dragon to injure the Second Ancestor.

Keep in mind that this root was the strongest root that belonged to the treefather when he was at his peak condition. Despite being dead for countless years, it was still extremely strong after being summoned by the Death Chapter. Killing a Virtuous Paragon like the Second Ancestor was absolutely no problem!

“Pop!” The ancestor was blown away by the root. One could hear the sounds of bones breaking and blood spurting. Even a paragon like the ancestor was no match for this root.

“Allpine Treefather, what are you trying to do, secretly attacking us like this?!” The wounded ancestor couldn’t help but cry out.

These words caused the treefather to blink, then his gaze immediately turned cold. He told Li Qiye: “Young Noble, leave this to me.”

Li Qiye smiled and stomped down with his foot, causing the Death Chapter to emerge once more. The huge root had lost its source of power, so it fell back into the ground like a hidden dragon diving into water, quickly disappearing altogether.

In the sky, the Second Ancestor heaved a sigh of relief after seeing the main root disappear into the ground.

However, at this very moment, the treefather’s palm reached for him. Just imagine how frightening the treefather’s attack was!

This encroaching palm was able to seal the nine heavens above and the scorching hell below. Even a paragon wouldn't be able to escape this palm.

“Allpine Treefather, what are you trying to do?!” The ancestor was aghast at the sight of the approaching palm. He turned around to run while screaming: “You should know that if I don't return, our Huangfu Sacred Ancestor—”

However, before he could finish, a snapping sound came about as if all the bones in his body were crushed. His pitiful cry bellowed across the entire plain.

Before anyone could calm down, the blood-soaked Second Ancestor was thrown into the ground by the treefather.

He struggled to get up. At this time, his appearance changed completely; with completely white hair, he seemed to have aged several thousand years in a split second. He trembled as he climbed up and was no longer able to stand straight.

“You... You crippled my cultivation!” He let out a miserable scream!

“The Huangfu Clan actually dares to come to my Allpine Mountain and act so presumptuously!” The treefather glanced at the ancestor and slowly uttered: “You think you can come here and posture with just your Sacred Ancestor? Even if he becomes a God-Monarch, I still wouldn't look at him straight!”

All of a sudden, the whole scene went silent. Many people were quivering on the inside. Everyone knew that the treefather was an apex existence since everyone said so, but for millions of years, very few people had seen him take action.

Today, he finally attacked and destroyed a Virtuous Paragon's cultivation with one palm. How heaven-defying and powerful must that strike have been? Perhaps only Immortal Emperors could suppress an apex existence like him!

No matter which sect or lineage they came from, the big shots present all felt a cold chill running down their spines. They swore to never act arrogantly at Allpine Mountain from now on!

It was just as the treefather had said, he wouldn't care even if a God-Monarch was about to come, let alone an ordinary paragon!

At this moment, the Second Ancestor squatted on the ground. It wasn't easy for him to reach the paragon level, but the treefather destroyed his cultivation so easily. His life was done for and was nearing its end.

The treefather calmly declared: "Go back and tell your Sacred Ancestor. From now on, if anyone else from your Huangfu Clan dares to take another step into my Allpine Mountain, I will destroy your clan!"

Everyone held their breaths the moment this declaration came out. No one dared to make a single sound. They all knew that with his power, destroying the Huangfu Clan was not difficult at all!

Eventually, the ancestor was taken out of Allpine Mountain by its disciples. A Virtuous Paragon was ended in this fashion.

Afterward, the Maple King quickly lightened the atmosphere and said to the guests: “Come, let us continue.”

“We wish for the demon forefather’s life to be endless...!” The majority of the guests immediately raised their cups and gave their blessings to the treefather.

The treefather smiled and returned the gesture with his own cup...

The banquet continued with joyous laughter, creating a lively atmosphere.

After the Huangfu Clan Master met Fairy Ming, he didn’t go back to the Huangfu Clan and had been waiting in the Alchemy Kingdom for any news from the imperial family.

However, days passed and the imperial family didn’t give any response. Fairy Ming also didn’t send him any messages, causing him to be quite annoyed. By now, he realized that the imperial family essentially didn’t care for this matter. Although he didn’t place high hopes in this endeavor, he was still quite displeased when the imperial family didn’t even bother showing that they

cared.

However, what could he do? It wasn't easy for him to meet the imperial family.

“Father-in-law, there is no reason for you to be so anxious.” While the clan master was anxiously pacing back and forth in his room, the words of a handsome young man could be heard. He had an oppressive aura and was seated in the room.

This young man was the renowned World-Pillar Monarch, Xian Miao. He was especially popular among the younger generation, gifted at politics, and was a capable regional monarch in the Alchemy Kingdom. Moreover, his personal cultivation was not shabby either, so he had quite an influence on his fellow monarchs.

Most importantly, he came from the Xian Clan, a separate division from the Alchemy Kingdom's main branch. In a very distant generation, their oldest ancestor used to have a high position in the imperial family.

Later on, this ancestor separated from the imperial family to become a monarch in his own region and started his own branch.

Although the World-Pillar Monarch's position was great, it couldn't compare to the direct imperial family. However, their oldest ancestor was still left behind in the imperial family and buried underground.

The Huangfu Clan Master stopped and softly sighed before speaking: “How could I not be anxious? Hao’er died a terrible death, and a little junior is now stepping over my Huangfu Clan’s head!”

“Those who dare to oppose the Alchemy Kingdom will not have a good end!” The World-Pillar Monarch’s eyes became fierce with a frightening murderous intent.

The clan master deepened his voice: “We will absolutely not forgive this human junior. No matter what, I will offer his head to Hao’er!”

At this time, a disciple came in and quickly said: “My lord, the ancestor has arrived.”

“Ancestor? Which ancestor?” The clan master was slightly stunned after hearing this. He didn’t know which ancestor had come into being.

An aura as vast as an endless sea swept into the room. This invincible aura belonged to a God-Monarch and permeated the air. No one could oppose this monstrous force.

Both the clan master and the World-Pillar Monarch couldn’t withstand this aura and immediately prostrated on the ground!

“Sacred Ancestor...” The clan master couldn’t stop trembling and found it difficult to believe his own eyes. He stuttered: “Ancestor,

y-you also came out?”

“Yes.” The recent arrival had a cold expression and emitted an especially frightening aura. He said: “The Second Ancestor’s cultivation was ruined, and he doesn’t have much time left.”

“What...” This news scared the soul out of the clan master. To him, this was no different from a thunderbolt sent down by the heavens.

“How could that be...?” The clan master was in dismay. Not long before this, their youngest ancestor had died in the Giant Bamboo Country. And now, the second-ranked ancestor had also lost his cultivation. This was a great blow to their clan.

“It is that Junior Li again!” The arrival coldly said: “The treefather backed him up, killed the other elders, and crippled the Second Ancestor’s cultivation!”

“Allpine Treefather!” The clan master couldn’t help himself from falling down to the ground. He was unable to compose himself after hearing this news.

In the Stone Medicine World, who didn’t know about the Allpine Treefather’s might? As an apex existence, who didn’t know how frightening he was? This was not just flattery, even a behemoth like the Alchemy Kingdom had to be relatively respectful towards the treefather.

Chapter 722: Xian Clan

The absent-minded clan master sat on the ground, unable to think for a moment. After a while, he calmed down and asked: “Then, then, what should we do?”

The Huangfu Clan couldn’t take revenge with the treefather backing Li Qiye. Allpine Mountain had always produced many talents while the treefather had students everywhere in this world. Countless Demon Kings and Stone Saints came under his tutelage! And this was before talking about his own invincible strength.

Although their Huangfu Clan was strong, there was still a huge gap between them and Allpine Mountain that had the treefather.

The World-Pillar Monarch calmed down and said with a deep tone: “Although this Li Qiye has the treefather as his backing, the treefather cannot leave Allpine Mountain — this is common knowledge! Unless Li Qiye never leaves the mountain, we will still have a chance.”

“Virtuous Son-in-law, it is true that the treefather cannot leave Allpine Mountain, but he has countless followers, and some of his disciples even became Virtuous Paragons! Maybe he will order some of his disciples to protect Li Qiye. The treefather isn’t someone to mess with. If he knows that we are attacking someone under his protection, it will bring about a terrible disaster!” Although the clan master wanted nothing more than to eat Li Qiye’s flesh and drink his blood, he still had some sense left in him. The treefather was not to be provoked — this was something known by many people.

At this time, the Sacred Ancestor added: “Which is why we need the help from the Alchemy Kingdom.”

The Huangfu Clan Master was excited after hearing this. He immediately sat up and said: “Ancestor is trying to say...”

At this time, the Sacred Ancestor’s eyes fell upon the monarch as he slowly uttered: “We need the help of your Xian Clan’s Alchemy Ancestor!”

The World-Pillar Monarch hesitantly responded after hearing this: “This... I’m afraid it isn’t possible.”

The Xian Alchemy Ancestor was their oldest ancestor. He had always been buried under the ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom. He had not come into being after countless long years. For many generations, their main descendants had not been able to meet this legendary ancestor.

The Sacred Ancestor looked at the monarch and raised his voice: “Can you meet your Alchemy Ancestor?”

The hesitating monarch pondered for a while before answering: “The Xian Clan is divided into several branches. Although my branch is not the main branch, the Xian Clan has a tradition. If the circumstances allow for it, then the main descendant of each branch may meet the Alchemy Ancestor. I have inherited my branch at the moment, so theoretically, I should be able to see the ancestor.”

“Virtuous Son-in-law, go meet your Alchemy Ancestor once!”
The clan master happily advised.

The monarch pondered for a moment before replying: “Hmm, meeting the Alchemy Ancestor is not easy... I...”

This matter would be a huge event for their Xian Clan, so his hesitation was understandable.

The Sacred Ancestor declared in a booming voice: “As long as you can accomplish this, the Huangfu Clan will not mistreat you. I shall accept you as a disciple.”

These words shook the monarch! He had heard about the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor before. Rumor has it that he was already a God-Monarch. Worshiping a God-Monarch as a master was an opportunity that one could only come across serendipitously and not seek.

The monarch composed himself with a deep breath before responding in a serious manner: “This junior can go meet the Alchemy Ancestor, but I’m afraid that I won’t be able to convince him to come into being! Maybe the Alchemy Kingdom will not allow it either.”

For any lineage, an existence buried underground was a priceless treasure!

“You don’t have to worry about that.” The Sacred Ancestor said in a deep tone: “After meeting your ancestor, tell him that there is a human capable of refining pills like cooking. This junior’s alchemy is unprecedented in this world, this I can guarantee. Also, I am willing to work together with him! If we capture this Li Qiye, the alchemy technique will go to the Alchemy Ancestor!”

The monarch thought about it then took a deep breath before making his decision and solemnly responded: “Very well, I will go meet the Alchemy Ancestor. However, I cannot guarantee whether His Venerable will come out or not.”

“Go.” The Sacred Ancestor gently nodded and said: “As long as you can meet the ancestor, everything will be fine!”

After the monarch left, the clan master pondered: “Ancestor, you and the Alchemy Ancestor working together... Will you be able to fight against the Allpine Treefather?”

The Sacred Ancestor sat down and calmly replied: “No, we can’t.”

In fact, acknowledging this was not shameful at all. How many people across the entire world could say that they could fight against the treefather?!

The clan master was startled and quickly inquired: “If that’s the case, then doesn’t that mean we have no chance of winning?”

The Sacred Ancestor responded without haste: “That doesn’t matter. The only crucial point is if the Xian’s Alchemist Ancestor will be willing to take action. After that, everything will be easy. Allpine Mountain and the treefather... If they kill the Alchemy Ancestor, then that is the same as declaring war against the Alchemy Kingdom!”

“Dragging the kingdom into these muddy waters...” The clan master quickly reacted: “Wise Ancestor, if we could do so, then everything will indeed be easy!”

The Sacred Ancestor slowly said: “If the Allpine Treefather is sensible, then he should know the result of opposing the Alchemy Kingdom. Even if he was stronger than he is now, he alone is unable to shake the entire kingdom!”

The clan master composed himself and felt that this scheme was indeed amazing. “Opposing a behemoth like the kingdom just for a human junior is probably something Allpine Mountain doesn’t want to do, even if the treefather was stronger than he is now. At that point, the treefather will either hand over the brat or refuse to get involved in this matter... and then the brat will be a bird trapped in a cage!”

“That’s right! Capturing this Li fella is only a matter of time. If the Alchemy Kingdom is willing to take action, then it is best if they are willing to trample over the Giant Bamboo Country as well. Nothing could be better.” Having said this, the Sacred Ancestor’s eyes became fierce with a terrifying murderous glint.

As a sealed undying, he was not willing to come into being.

However, the Huangfu Clan had suffered greatly, so he couldn't endure it any longer. He rose to the surface and was committed to fight to the very end against his enemies!

The ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom. Ming Yexue summoned an expert that was present at the treefather's birthday celebration into the palace.

The celebration was over, so the representative of the Alchemy Kingdom returned and was immediately summoned.

Ming Yexue looked at this expert and asked: "Elder Shi, how was the birthday party?"

The expert answered: "Princess, something happened at the party and I'm sure Princess has heard about it already, so I won't go into details. However, there is one thing that I must report."

"Do tell, Elder Shi." Ming Yexue said: "Your keen insight has always been welcomed by the other elders."

The expert pondered for a moment before speaking with a solemn expression: "In my personal opinion, the treefather has recovered. His problem has been dealt with."

"That can't be." Before Ming Yexue could respond, an old woman next to her said in shock: "From what I know about the

treefather's tribulation, it is an extremely arduous one. The treefather had endured it for a long period of time and still couldn't deal with it, so why has it been dealt with so suddenly now?"

Ming Yexue added: "Elder Shi, you should know that the treefather also asked us for help regarding this matter. Our Ancestor Wushuang couldn't solve the problem. He had said that the treefather's problem was very difficult. Unless the treefather breaks through the last chain to become an existence of the Emperor Assailant level, he wouldn't be able to suppress this tribulation completely."

At this point, even she became emotional and said: "Does that mean that the treefather has broken through and became an Emperor Assailant?"

An Emperor Assailant was a terrifying existence that couldn't be stopped unless it was an Immortal Emperor. This was true invincibility below emperors!

"I'm afraid not." This expert hesitated for a moment before continuing: "Although I was unable to see through the treefather's true level, in my opinion, he still hasn't returned to his peak condition just yet. The issue lies with Li Qiye. If I am not mistaken, then he was the one who solved the treefather's problem."

"Li Qiye again!" The old woman next to Ming Yexue had to speak: "He was actually able to solve the treefather's tribulation! This is too demonic. Even our Ancestor Wushuang was unable to do so!"

“Li Qiye dealt with the treefather’s tribulation...” After hearing this news, Ming Yexue’s eyes also became serious.

The expert contemplated for a bit before speaking: “Princess, this is just my personal guess. Although I am not completely certain, he is indeed the person who solved the problem. However, I believe that it is far from just this. I’m afraid the treefather didn’t only deal with his tribulation, he can now also leave Allpine Mountain. He is free now!”

The old woman next to Ming Yexue’s expression became dim as she asked: “Can the treefather truly leave the mountain?”

An existence that had lived for so long and was capable of being bestowed the title of Godking, like the treefather, would be dreaded by just about anyone.

Many lineages felt lucky that he was not able to leave the mountain; otherwise, he could sweep through all his opponents in the Stone Medicine World!

The treefather’s freedom was not something everyone wanted to hear. It was definitely not a good thing for many lineages.

Just imagine, a contemporary Godking with flourishing vitality being able to travel in this world — just how terrifying was this?

“I’m afraid that is the case. I suspect that it is virtually

guaranteed.” The expert solemnly responded.

With a serious gaze, Ming Yexue slowly said: “This might not necessarily be a bad thing. A few existences will be able to meet their match.”

“There is another thing.” The expert hesitated for a moment before speaking: “I believe the treefather is willing to be Li Qiye’s dao protector. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be willing to back Li Qiye to the point of destroying the Second Ancestor’s cultivation.”

“This Li Qiye is truly capable.” The old woman said: “In the past, Ye Qingcheng personally went to Allpine Mountain and tried to persuade the treefather to point out his mistakes and to become his dao protector. However, the treefather rejected this request. Now, Li Qiye actually managed to convince the treefather — this is quite unbelievable.”

“This generation will definitely be very exciting.” Ming Yexue revealed a faint smile capable of charming all existences and said: “Ye Qingcheng and Mei Aonan... They will meet a very powerful opponent.”

This expert held his breath and didn’t dare to comment because both of the people mentioned by the princess were the most likely candidates to become the Immortal Emperor of the current generation.

“Elder Shi, keep an eye out for the World-Pillar Monarch.” Eventually, Ming Yexue gave a command to this expert.

“The World-Pillar Monarch...?” The expert was slightly taken aback after hearing the command.

Ming Yexue explained: “The Huangfu Sacred Ancestor has arrived. It seems that they will not give up.”

“I understand.” The expert immediately said: “If there is any movement, I will report back to Princess right away.”

Chapter 723: Black Fox

After the birthday banquet ended and they finalized the pact with the treefather, Li Qiye and Madam Zi Yan left Allpine Mountain for the Alchemy Kingdom. Old Demon Tie Yi also accompanied them. Of course, he was anxious the whole time on this journey. If it wasn't for Li Qiye dragging him along, perhaps he would have fled long ago.

After entering the kingdom's territory, Tie Yi became even more cowardly. He was willing to drill underground along the way instead of showing his face.

Even the madam couldn't help but ask after seeing Tie Yi's demeanor: "Did you do something wrong? Why are you so scared? Don't tell me you stole the kingdom's defining treasures?"

"No, absolutely not." Tie Yi immediately vowed: "I am a good person, a law-abiding cultivator, how could I possibly commit an evil act like stealing?"

Li Qiye leisurely glanced at him and said: "If you are a good person, then I am a saint."

"Haha, Young Noble's words are too hurtful." Tie Yi laughed drily. Perhaps he could fool others, but not Li Qiye.

"Okay, stop skulking. Properly lead the way for me since we will need to go to many places for the materials you require." Li Qiye told Tie Yi.

Tie Yi didn't quip this time and immediately went to the front. This material gathering trip was extremely important to him, so he even put aside his fear of the Alchemy Kingdom.

The group traveled and gathered herbs along the way. Tie Yi required a few extremely rare ingredients, so eventually, Li Qiye released the Alchemy Fowl in order to hasten the process.

The Alchemy Fowl was a spiritual creature adept at finding medicines. It didn't matter if the medicines were tens of thousands of miles away, the fowl could still pick up the fragrance of the medicines and instinctively find where they grew!

The Alchemy Kingdom was vast and situated above the Alchemy Vein, one of the three ancestral veins of the Stone Medicine World. With the help of the fowl, finding medicines became very easy. This gave the group ample time to make it to the alchemy conference.

It was more appropriate to call the Alchemy Kingdom an ancient lineage than an old country. Although it was named a kingdom, it had not ruled over this vast land for a very long time.

This was not to say that it lacked the ability to govern this territory, the kingdom simply didn't try. The core of the kingdom was essentially focused in its ancestral ground.

Legend states that during the Desolate Expansion Era, the Alchemy Kingdom had ruled over all of this land and created an

unparalleled kingdom that greatly prospered.

However, for some unknown reason, the Alchemy Kingdom gave up on governing this vast land during a particular generation of the Emperors Era. From then on, its imperial family became reclusive and rarely showed themselves.

The outside world was not privy to the cause, and neither were future generations! To sum it all up, from that point on, the Alchemy Kingdom became very mysterious, and its disciples rarely left their ancestral ground.

Though its direct branch, or the imperial family, gave up on ruling over this vast kingdom, the kingdom still belonged to them historically. No matter how many lineages and sects there were, they all pledged allegiance to the Alchemy Kingdom. Moreover, many of them were branches from the imperial family as their ancestors were inextricably linked together.

Despite the imperial family not ruling over the lands, the monarchs chosen by the Alchemy Kingdom still managed the various regions. After many years, no one had ever heard of a king daring to seize the land to form an independent country!

This was the formidable aspect of the kingdom, as well as its charm. One sect with three Immortal Emperors and four Alchemy Emperors — who in this world actually knew their true strength?

It was also built on the Alchemy Vein, one of three grand ancestral veins in this world! The legendary Alchemy Vein left

behind many legends. One of them told that True Immortal Medicines were grown near it. Another told that there was a race with the bloodline of a True God living on it. One more told that there were secrets of True Immortals in that area...

Just this one grand vein was full of secrets. It spanned for millions of miles, so it was difficult to calculate all of its territories; after all, it spanned more than half of the Alchemy Realm! Thus, half of this realm belonged to the territory of the kingdom. On top of all of this, the kingdom's extremely vast ancestral ground was built in a mountain pass that could reach the source of the grand vein.

Keep in mind that the Alchemy Vein was not just in name. Among this land of rolling hills were countless spirit medicines, and this was especially true for the mountain pass being used as the ancestral ground. Many people heard that many King Medicines grew there.

This vein was the sacred ground of spirit medicines. Someone had even calculated a statistic stating that seventy to eighty percent of all the spirit medicines in the Stone Medicine World had come from the Alchemy Vein. Just from this alone, one could easily understand just how many spirit medicines there were.

Because of all of this, the Alchemy Kingdom had the most precious of resources in the form of the grand vein. Both the vein and its vast territory left countless lineages and cultivators salivating with greed. However, despite their covetous intent, no one in the recent millions of years had dared to actually maneuver against the kingdom.

Without even mentioning territorial disputes, not many dared to steal spirit medicines from the kingdom unless they felt extremely bold.

Normally, due to its vast territory, the imperial family did not mind those who plucked medicines above the Alchemy Vein. As long as one was capable, then they were allowed to do so. However, spirit medicines on their ancestral ground were off limits. Moreover, one couldn't even step inside this mountain pass!

Of course, many powerful cultivators — for generations — had been interested in the sceneries inside the mountain pass. They tried to sneak into the ancestral ground to steal King Medicines and Immortal Medicines.

However, for millions of years, very few were successful. The majority of these people couldn't even take a step inside the mountain pass before they were killed. There was even a story about a God-Monarch dying miserably at the entrance!

It was precisely because of the imperial family's strength that in later generations, fewer and fewer people dared to peep into this ancestral ground or had thoughts of stealing from it.

Naturally, there were always daredevils. In recent years, there was a person whose courage was as vast as the heavens known as Black Fox!

Black Fox appeared several thousand years ago. No one knew

where this person came from or what his race was. Outsiders didn't even know whether the person was male or female.

In the beginning, Black Fox did not attract much attention. Although this person stole the treasures of several countries and sects, it did not cause a big commotion. It wasn't until one year later that the fox actually infiltrated the Radiant-Sea Sect and stole several treasures. This news caused quite a shock after it was spread!

At that time, the Radiant-Sea Sect even had a sky-high bounty for Black Fox. Many experts pursued Black Fox for the reward, but none of them had seen their true face.

After the successful heist, Black Fox rested for long periods of time before carrying out another heist, focusing their attention on the most powerful sects for their next move! The State of Cao, the Stone Insect Ravine, the Stony Edge Kingdom... All of these powerful lineages were robbed by him. The most sensational victim was the Heavenhoof Ravine, a sect with two emperors; one of their divine grasses was stolen by Black Fox!

The Beast Realm was nearly flipped over after this incident. The ravine released a heaven-shattering price for Black Fox's head! However, no one ever succeeded.

Rumor has it that Black Fox tried to sneak into the Jianlong Clan as well. However, then came news that although the infiltration was successful, the fox couldn't steal any treasures since they were found out by the clan. Nevertheless, the person still escaped unscathed.

After this failure on top of having made so many enemies, people thought that Black Fox would stop here.

In fact, the fox did not appear before the world again for another long period of time! However, an earth-shattering event happened later on.

Black Fox had snuck into the Alchemy Kingdom's ancestral ground and stole a supreme immortal treasure from the imperial family. However, the fox was detected and surrounded by many ancestors of the kingdom!

The legend stated that Black Fox wanted to escape from the ancestral ground by using a peerless art, but this ended in failure. After being detained, the fox was eventually killed by the elders!

Afterward, there was even a rumor stating that the elders ground the fox's bones to dust and spread it around the Alchemy Kingdom as a warning to those who had malicious intentions against them.

Regardless of whether this was true or not, one thing was certain — Black Fox never appeared again.

The fox became a cautionary tale for many experts who coveted the kingdom's ancestral ground. If the person who could escape from the Jianlong Clan and also stole a treasure from the ravine died in the Alchemy Kingdom, then those who wanted to try better reflect on their own abilities first.

Chapter 724: White Cloud Master

After they entered the kingdom, Li Qiye released the Alchemy Fowl to find the herbs that Tie Yi required. The kingdom was the biggest natural garden in the Stone Medicine World, so it could be said that the whole process was quite easy with the chicken's help.

However, the chicken did cause trouble for Li Qiye. It was a supreme species and a priceless treasure, especially to alchemists. A chicken like this would cause countless alchemists to drool.

And so, on a particular day, the Alchemy Fowl climbed up Mysterious Mountain to pluck a Serpent Spirit Root. The moment it flew back to stand on Li Qiye's shoulder, a team could be found chasing after it from the mountain.

This team had around one hundred people; all of them were experts with surging blood energies like rivers. All of them wore daoist robes, and among them were golems and demons in all kinds of shapes and sizes. The leader was a demon with round eyes and a tiger's forehead. It was clear that he was a demon tiger. He was adorned with a golden daoist robe and had a whisk in his hand. The tiger image behind his robes emitted a howl as if it could destroy all things.

This Demon Monarch had reached the Era Sovereign realm. This was the apex of the Heavenly Sovereign realm, and he could step into the Heavenly King realm at any moment.

The tiger daoist, with his hundred disciples, quickly descended

the mountain. The moment he saw the Alchemy Fowl standing on Li Qiye's shoulder, his eyes became fierce. Although they didn't surround Li Qiye's group, a formation was already formed so they could entrap them at any time.

"Infinite blessings to you..." This tiger daoist cupped his hands and greeted Li Qiye with a daoist phrase. While approaching, he added: "Fellow Daoist, I am the master of the White Cloud Temple. This Alchemy Fowl was found by us first so Fellow Daoist, please return it to us. We will surely repay you."

"Return it to you?" Li Qiye smiled and said: "This chicken is my pet. Me not bickering with you all for chasing my chicken is already considered a blessing."

"What proof do you have that it is your pet? This chicken was first tamed by us, but due to our carelessness, it managed to escape. As a result, you happened to pick it up just now." An expert behind the White Cloud Master sneered.

Without a doubt, the experts from this temple wanted to take the chicken. This was not strange at all. Anyone would salivate over a supreme bird like the Alchemy Fowl.

The master looked at Li Qiye. In his eyes, Li Qiye was ordinary without anything special. He then looked at the madam and noticed that she was hiding her blood energy. He predicted that this woman ahead was not necessarily stronger than him.

Next was the carriage that Li Qiye was on; it couldn't be any

more shabby. The master became confident and felt that Li Qiye's group must have come from a little sect and wouldn't be powerful at all.

Since the master was not as strong as the madam, it was not surprising that he couldn't see through her cultivation when she was hiding her energy.

“Fellow Daoist, whether this chicken is your pet or not, our White Cloud Temple will not take advantage of others. As long as you are willing to part with this chicken, the price is negotiable.” The White Cloud Master said slowly.

It wasn't easy to meet an Alchemy Fowl, so the White Cloud Temple would not give up. Because of this, the master wanted to force this transaction regardless of whether Li Qiye wanted to or not.

However, Li Qiye didn't bat an eye and dismissively said: “Not for sale.”

The master's expression immediately darkened after hearing this response. At this time, the disciples of the temple quickly encircled the group. Their actions made it very clear that if Li Qiye didn't sell, they would resort to violence.

Such a threatening stance would cause a cultivator from a small sect to tremble and most likely hand over the Alchemy Fowl.

The master's intimidation tactic was far from just this. He deepened his tone: "Fellow Daoist, you should know that the Alchemy Fowl is a spirit bird and should only be owned by a virtuous master. I am not trying to benefit from buying the chicken, I am simply obeying the orders of Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng. Under his orders, our temple is here to pick herbs from the Alchemy Kingdom..."

"... Today, we saw your Alchemy Fowl and remembered Young Noble Ye's orders; he had once told all the heroes in this world to help find him one! This old daoist is buying it as a tribute for Young Noble Ye, so please let it go. When you visit the Stone Realm in the future, Young Noble Ye will surely repay you." The master finished in an aggressive tone.

The message was very clear. One could afford to not give him face, but not Ye Qingcheng.

Even the most uninformed person in the Stone Medicine World knew that Ye Qingcheng could become the future Immortal Emperor. Many people in this world held him in high regard, and countless powerful cultivators and lineages pledged allegiance to him!

Just bringing up the name "Ye Qingcheng" was enough to scare others into giving face! Someone described Ye Qingcheng as having one hundred great generals under his banner. Although this type of claim was a bit exaggerated, from it, one could see just how irresistible Ye Qingcheng was to have so many big shots from the previous generation working for him!

The White Cloud Temple was also a first-rate sect in the Stone Realm, yet it was still willing to work for Ye Qingcheng and travel the world to find him medicines.

“None of my business.” Li Qiye met the master’s threat unperturbed.

“This thing does not know life from death!” An expert from the temple shouted and said: “Young Noble Ye is the supreme celestial being. Many people want to seek his favor but failed! Today, Young Noble Ye values your Alchemy Fowl — this is your honor. Obediently hand it over or else there will be no place in the Stone Medicine World for you!”

At this point, the temple was ready to let go of the facade. If Li Qiye didn’t sell, they would just rob him.

Li Qiye was too lazy to look at them. He gently waved his sleeve and told the madam: “Zi Yan, get them to scram. If not, slay them all!” He didn’t have the patience to tangle with the White Cloud Temple.

The madam got off from the carriage, focused her gaze on the group, and told them: “Do you all want to leave on your own volition, or do you want to be carried away?”

Another expert from the temple shouted: “Such a big tone, ignorant fool—”

“Pa!” However, before this expert could finish his words, he was blown away by a slap, causing his blood to crazily spurt everywhere. In the blink of an eye, the madam’s blood energy soared to the sky along with her Heavenly King aura. This was a great Demon King capable of looking down on the crowd. With an ethereal bamboo image behind her, she caused others to feel as if they were lost in a bamboo forest.

“Heavenly King...” The experts of the temple were shocked after the madam’s aura erupted. All of them took several thumping steps back, especially the White Cloud Master. His face paled and knew that he was mistaken, a frog at the bottom of a well. However, he was still the lord of a temple, so he quickly regained his composure and cupped his hands together towards the madam to say: “So it turns out that this lady is the legendary Giant Bamboo Country’s Demon King Zi Yan. I have eyes but could not see and have offended you. Please forgive our transgression, let us make amends!” With that, he bowed deeply.

“It is a small world, so may we meet another day. Goodbye, Your Majesty Zi Yan.” After the bow, he immediately turned around to leave with his disciples.

The master was indeed a sly fox and was able to discern the situation very quickly. The moment he met someone stronger, he immediately gave up and accepted his defeat to withdraw. This was a person capable of bending if necessary.

However, Li Qiye coldly shouted: “Stop!”

The group who wanted to escape had to halt their steps, not

daring to run. After all, there was a Heavenly King here, so they were very afraid.

“Young Noble, we were frogs at the bottom of a well and couldn’t see someone great, so we apologize. I hope that even if Young Noble doesn’t care for the monk, please show consideration for Buddha, consideration for Young Noble Ye...” The master said apologetically.

Li Qiye waved his sleeve and dismissively said: “I don’t know this Ye Qingcheng. However, since you all want to bring him up, shut up and I will spare your lives so that you can send a message to him. Tell him that wherever I, Li Qiye, am located, scram as far away as possible! If he or his hounds dare to provoke me, sooner or later, I will personally visit the Stony Edge Kingdom and trample it!”

Li Qiye’s words caused the master’s expression to greatly change. However, he was an adaptive sly fox, so he cupped his hands and said: “I will remember Young Noble’s words and personally inform Young Noble Ye.” Having said that, he didn’t dare to linger any longer and left with his disciples.

“What an old fox. He fled so quickly after seeing the situation taking a turn for the worse. With no need for face or honor, such thick-skin really puts others to shame.” At this time, Tie Yi crawled out from the ground and commented.

“Knowing when to advance and when to retreat is not necessarily a bad thing. At the very least, he will be able to preserve his life.” Li Qiye responded with a smirk.

Tie Yi asked Li Qiye: “Does Young Noble really want to oppose Ye Qingcheng?”

Li Qiye looked at him and responded: “Why not? Those who block my path shall be killed without mercy, regardless of who they may be.”

“I heard that Ye Qingcheng’s dao protector is an extremely unfathomable monster. Rumor has it that he is an invincible giant that’s even more frightening than the Allpine Treefather.” Tie Yi contemplated for a moment before telling this very important news to Li Qiye.

Chapter 725: Ambushed

“An existence more powerful than the Allpine Treefather? Who could it be in the Stone Medicine World?” After hearing this, the madam couldn’t help but be moved.

In this world, everyone knew of the treefather’s prestige. Although he didn’t claim to be a Godking, many people in this world respected him as one. For many generations, it was common knowledge that outside of Immortal Emperors, it would be hard to find someone stronger than him.

The madam had heard that there were a few existences even stronger than the treefather, but she had never met them or even heard of them.

Tie Yi shook his head and said: “I don’t know the details, I only heard that Supreme Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng is unbelievable and actually managed to convince a few old undyings to come out. An old undying that had slept for millions of years also emerged to be his dao protector.”

“Invincible giant?” Li Qiye grinned and said: “So what? Those who block my path, no matter who they are, shall be killed without mercy!”

Having said that, he glanced at Tie Yi and said indifferently: “It seems that your news is quite up to date, you really know many things.”

“Haha, thank you for your praise. This little one has only heard rumors, that’s all.” Tie Yi rubbed his palms together and wryly smiled in a very humble manner.

Li Qiye only smiled and didn’t delve deeper. He said: “Let us go. Once we settle down and prepare the ingredients, I will start the cauldron for you.”

Tie Yi became excited and immediately responded: “Thank you, Young Noble. As long as Young Noble gives the order, I will obey it even at the risk of my life.”

Li Qiye didn’t say anything else and got on his carriage to continue the journey. However, they didn’t get far when suddenly, a buzzing sound rang in the distance. A dao rune appeared above them and turned into an ancient formation at an unbelievable speed.

“Whoosh—!” The ancient formation suddenly rained down countless arrows that quickly sealed the surrounding thousand mile radius.

“We’re being ambushed!” The madam shouted with a shocked expression. The moment she wanted to protect Li Qiye, she found that the rain of arrows from the sky was not aiming at them.

“Clank!” The sound of a series of chains clanking together appeared. In the blink of an eye while the madam was startled, the entire space here was sealed by the arrows that turned into a giant lock.

This ancient lock could seal the heavens above and suppress hell below. It suddenly appeared with the intention of sealing the entire group.

“This is...” In this split second, both the madam and Tie Yi were astounded since they couldn’t move; it was as if their bodies were chained by something.

Even Li Qiye was no exception. A gigantic lock capable of sealing even time itself trapped him despite his incredible power.

However, Li Qiye remained calm unlike the frightened madam and Tie Yi. Only his eyes narrowed as he gazed at the formation in the sky.

“Moo—” During this perilous moment, the Imperial Draco-Bull used an unbelievable might to escape the lock. It roared and pulled the carriage into the sky! It traversed thousands of miles in just the blink of an eye with astonishing speed.

Right when it escaped the border, the formation in the sky emitted a bright light. Countless arrows — once again — shot over the earth to create a new lock to seal the bull once more.

However, as the bull traversed the sky, it was like a dragon soaring in the nine heavens and seemed to be able to escape the shackles of the world’s laws. It seemed to have eluded the fabric of space and time. No matter what the lock tried to do, it was unable to stop the bull.

With continuous detonations, the bull was able to pull the carriage away from the thousand mile radius that the formation encompassed and crossed the earth. In the blink of an eye, it traveled over one million miles. Such speed would stun just about anyone! Of course, its great name was not just for show.

By the time the bull stopped, it had thoroughly escaped from the formation; the locks around Madam Zi Yan and company all disappeared. The madam finally calmed down, but she was still quite shaken despite being a Heavenly King. She took a deep breath and said: “Who ambushed us? I’m afraid that that formation was either of the emperor or Godking level!”

She was quite powerful, but the seal from the lock in the sky had rendered her immobile without any opportunity to resist. Such a powerful suppression astounded her!

“Is it that group from the White Cloud Temple?” The madam asked with doubt. Earlier, they had a fight with the temple, and now, someone suddenly ambushed them. This was quite a coincidence.

Tie Yi shuddered and exclaimed while aghast: “The person who ambushed us must be a legendary master at the very least. Even if they aren’t a God-Monarch, they would still be an incredible Virtuous Paragon!”

Li Qiye glanced at Tie Yi before speaking nonchalantly: “We’ll find out right away if we go back and take a look.”

“Go back?” The madam shuddered and said: “The enemy might still be there. If we go back now, isn’t it the same as walking back into their trap?!”

“Into their trap?” Li Qiye smiled and said: “If they have left already, then it is their fortune. After all, there would be no leaving otherwise.” His eyes became fierce after finishing these words.

In this instant, both the madam and Tie Yi couldn’t help but feel a chill. Li Qiye’s fierce eyes made them think that he was an awakened beast from prehistoric eras, capable of devouring the heaven and earth. The madam had an illusion that Li Qiye was grinding his white fangs, ready to sink his teeth in.

He emitted an aura that would instill chills in just about anyone! He let the bull pull the carriage back. The madam and Tie Yi didn’t dare to underestimate their opponents, so they acted cautiously with frayed nerves, paying attention to every single detail.

The moment they made it back to where they used to be, the ancient arrows locking the area had disappeared. The formation was gone as well, let alone the lock that could suppress the world.

In its place was another ordinary looking carriage. It seemed that this carriage had just got here as well. The driver was an old woman. At this time, she jumped down from the carriage and was looking around.

“Who are you?” After seeing this old woman, the madam immediately stood up and went to the front as if she was about to face a great enemy.

The old woman looked at the madam and said: “Madam Zi Yan, I am not your enemy.” Having said that, her eyes fell upon Li Qiye sitting in the carriage.

The old woman was able to reveal the madam’s identity, yet she herself knew nothing about the old woman’s origin, leaving her anxious. She didn’t know whether the old woman was friend or foe.

She couldn’t help but look back at her Young Master, wanting to leave it up to him. Li Qiye took a look at the old woman, then at the carriage stopped at the side.

Li Qiye couldn’t be more familiar with this carriage. Back when he was traveling towards Celestial Peak Mountain, it had appeared before! At that time, this old woman was the driver as well.

Li Qiye dismissively said: “I don’t know whether we are enemies or not, but first, come out of your carriage to talk, stop hiding inside.”

These words made the old woman change her expression. In the blink of an eye, she seemed to have turned into a completely different person. Her old eyes sucked in and expelled starry glimmers as an entire galaxy emerged from within!

“What do you want to do?!” The madam also felt how terrifying this woman before her was. With an alarmed look, she continued to stand before Li Qiye, ready to protect her Young Master!

The old woman didn't take action and instead only spoke coldly towards Li Qiye: “Young Noble Li, please speak with a little respect. We mean you no harm.”

“Is that so?” Li Qiye said: “Whether you are malicious or not doesn't matter to me. Not long before this, you had followed me, and back at the Celestial Peak, you also spied on me! At that time, I didn't do anything because I was in a good mood. But right now, that is no longer the case. Since you happen to be here, you must comply to my whim!”

“Young Noble Li, you are being way too overbearing. This world is vast, who says that we cannot appear at the location that you are already at?” The old woman asked coldly.

She was now angry. They had an earth-shattering origin. Those who knew them would tremble in fear, so who would dare to provoke them? But now, Li Qiye was acting extremely aggressively.

“I don't want to mince words.” Li Qiye didn't bat an eye and spoke with a cold demeanor: “Right now, get out of your carriage or I'll smash it apart!”

The old woman's expression greatly soured. At this time, her blood energy erupted to the sky like a True Dragon soaring into the

air. She coldly uttered: “Young Noble Li, do you really think you are invincible in this world?!”

The eruption of her blood energy astonished both the madam and Tie Yi. They clearly knew that this old woman was a frightening and absolutely amazing Virtuous Paragon!

Chapter 726: Kingdom-Toppling Beauty

Li Qiye remained unperturbed despite the old woman's True Dragon-like blood energy. He said dismissively: "I don't know whether I am invincible in this world or not, I only know that I will smash this carriage apart if the person inside does not come out! My patience is limited, I do not wish to repeat myself a second time."

"You!" The old woman was shaking with anger. Even Supreme Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng whom others called the number one genius of the Stone Medicine World wouldn't dare to talk to them like this. But now, Li Qiye dared to utter such arrogant words!

"Grandma, it is fine. It is about time for me to meet Young Noble Li." Right when the old woman was about to unleash her fury, a girl's voice came from the carriage.

This voice was completely charming and pleasant. Anyone who heard this voice would imagine that this girl had supreme beauty.

After hearing her young miss, the old woman had to swallow her anger. However, she still angrily glared at Li Qiye since she was especially annoyed at him.

The old woman opened the carriage's door, letting out a girl. The moment she appeared, the sun and moon were eclipsed and myriad existences were shamed!

Even the words "supreme beauty" were not enough to describe

her. With a willowy and pretty figure, her perfect features couldn't be described with the pen. Calling such a peerless girl the number one beauty in the Stone Medicine World was still not enough.

She wore a light yellow dress that accentuated her kingdom-toppling beauty! She was so stunning that anyone who met her would immediately think that she was a celestial with an air of calmness. Her pretty eyes with spirited glimmers were even more radiant than the stars.

A celestial with great intelligence and confidence that was prepared to face anything. She didn't have an oppressive and arrogant aura either, but humility was not the right way to put it. Her temperament gave the sensation of perfection, like ink coming together with paper; it was too difficult to describe.

Madam Zi Yan's beauty could also be described as kingdom-toppling. Although her beauty was not the reason why she was renowned around the world, many people would agree that she was absolutely gorgeous. However, before this girl, even the madam's beauty dimmed; she simply couldn't compare!

"She is..." Tie Yi was shocked after seeing this girl ahead and immediately drilled into the ground, no longer daring to show his face.

Li Qiye was as calm as ever as he gauged the girl from top to bottom without missing any details. In the eyes of others, his current appearance was one of a womanizer, causing the old woman to snort in great disapproval.

However, the peerless beauty ahead was very graceful and free. Despite Li Qiye's enjoyment, she was neither angry nor embarrassed.

Prior to this, Li Qiye had also met stunning beauties, such as Jian Wushuang. However, although Jian Wushuang had astonishing features, she didn't have the same aura as the girl in front of him. This girl held a noble air with formidable wisdom as if she would be unperturbed by anything! Based on just temperaments alone, Jian Wushuang couldn't compare to her.

The peerless beauty spoke slowly towards Li Qiye as if she was unstained by this mundane world: "I rarely meet people, but I can understand why Young Noble Li was unhappy."

Li Qiye looked at her and said: "Today, my mood was quite sour, but it's much improved after seeing you!"

His words were obviously teasing her. Other women would not give Li Qiye a good reaction even if they didn't get angry. However, this girl didn't show her attitude and gently nodded to say: "It is a kind of honor to be able to improve Young Noble Li's mood."

"Not bad, not bad at all." Li Qiye smiled and said: "I appreciate girls like you! It is indeed difficult for others to not like such a smart girl. A supreme beauty needs more than just a good bag of skin; one needs a sense of self-awareness and wisdom."

Li Qiye's frank teasing would cause any beauty to be offended,

but not this peerless girl ahead. However, the old woman next to her was angry enough for both of them as she maintained her cold glare on Li Qiye.

Even the madam standing by his side couldn't help but wryly smile. Only her Young Master would openly flirt with this peerless beauty like this.

"I am honored at Young Noble's praises." The girl chuckled, but this chuckle alone was so kingdom-toppling that it could steal the souls from others, causing them to be forever enchanted.

"A pearl in the night!" Li Qiye looked at the peerless beauty and praised: "Little girl, you have tempted me, so follow me."

"Ah..." The madam next to him was at a loss for words. This was rather too domineering. He actually wanted a peerless beauty to follow him on their first meeting!

However, the madam thought about it some more; wasn't it the same when she met her Young Master for the first time?

"Such a big tone, do you know who our Young Miss is?" The girl didn't answer, but the old woman couldn't help but say: "In this entire world, there are very few men worthy of our Young Miss!"

Li Qiye smirked and said: "In the nine worlds and ten realms, there are very few women worthy of marrying me! Either way, I want her, but not to marry her!"

“You!” The old woman was now shivering with rage. Anyone in this world would lose their mind when they met her Young Miss. Even the supreme celestial being, Ye Qingcheng, was no exception.

But now, this Li Qiye pushed it even further. He wanted her Young Miss to follow him, and he even dared to arrogantly say that he wouldn’t marry her? She had truly never seen such an arrogant and egotistical man.

“Does Young Noble Li want me to become your concubine?” The peerless girl revealed a wonderful smile and shook her head: “I’m afraid I’m not used to being someone’s concubine.”

Despite the teasing, she remained unruffled and managed to display her amazing temperament. Such a look would captivate the heart of others.

“The more I look at you, the more I like you.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “However, little girl, don’t misunderstand. I only need you to be by my side! In the future, there will be a spot for you among my supreme generals!”

“Supreme general?” The old woman interjected and said: “My Young Miss will be the one to bear this generation’s Heaven’s Will!”

“With me here, who else is qualified to shoulder the Heaven’s Will?” Li Qiye chuckled and said: “However, I like you. If you follow me, then in the future when we are at the apex, the master

of the order of generals, the controller of the decree to the nine worlds will be none other than you.”

The madam was moved after hearing this. Her Young Master’s words clearly showed how much he valued the peerless girl before them. However, this was not surprising at all considering her origin.

The initially angry old woman was stumped and couldn’t say anything. If she didn’t know Li Qiye’s abilities, she would definitely say that he was ignorant, but she knew the situation so she couldn’t refute him.

The peerless girl looked at Li Qiye, revealing a smile that would cause all the flowers to lose their colors and said: “It is our first meeting, yet Young Noble Li is already entrusting me with such a great task, are you not afraid that I will decline due to the difficulty?”

Anyone else would think that Li Qiye was insane, but this girl with an amazing background answered in such a manner.

Li Qiye casually batted his eyes and said: “I am rarely wrong when it comes to judging people. Moreover, if you weren’t capable, then the old geezer buried beneath the Star Cliff wouldn’t pass his legacy onto you.”

This revelation greatly shocked the old woman. She immediately stepped forward with an aura as fierce as an unsheathed divine sword, completely different from before.

It was clear that she intended to harm Li Qiye, even to the point of killing him in order to keep this secret!

Meanwhile, the confident girl was still calm. Her expression shifted a little after hearing him, but she didn't overreact. She shook her head gently at the old woman and said: "Grandma, we can't."

The old woman gazed at Li Qiye for a long time before snorting and went back behind the peerless girl. However, her old eyes remained fixated on Li Qiye as if she would attack at any moment.

Li Qiye only smiled leisurely against such hostility and said: "It is wise not to attack me. A Virtuous Paragon is no big deal for me."

The old woman felt extremely aggravated after being provoked by a junior like Li Qiye. If it wasn't for her Young Miss, she would have already tried to teach Li Qiye a lesson.

The peerless girl gently sighed and said: "Young Noble's conduct is impossible to predict. Very few people know this secret. Where did Young Noble learn of it?"

She was secretly shaken after Li Qiye's revelation because very few people knew about this matter, including even the sect she came from. And yet, an outsider like Li Qiye actually knew this secret!

“Don’t be surprised.” Li Qiye said: “Others might not know why the old geezer below the Star Cliff passed his legacy down to you, but I can tell you an old tale. A very long time ago, a rock fell down from the [Bi’an](#) Beastworld. However, the truth that the world didn’t know was that it wasn’t just one rock that fell down that year, but three!”

The bi’an /狻猊, (Hybrid of tiger and dragon) a creature that likes litigation, are placed over prison gates (in order to keep guard)

“I cannot permit you to live any longer!” The old woman suddenly became horrified and no longer hid her murderous intent. She instantly wanted to take action.

However, before she could get close to Li Qiye, the Imperial Draco-Bull raised its front hooves and kicked heavily. With a loud bang, the old woman was forced to take several steps back from the blow. It didn’t matter that she was an amazing Virtuous Paragon!

Chapter 727: Ming Yexue

The old woman was astounded after being kicked back by the beast. She was a paragon yet was still blown back like this. One could easily imagine just how heaven-defying this seemingly inconspicuous buffalo was.

“Out of consideration for this little girl, I won’t kill you. However, don’t try to provoke me. Even a lineage like yours is not worthy to be in my sight!” Li Qiye slowly uttered.

The old woman’s expression became a bit unsightly. No one had ever dared to speak in such a bold manner or look down on their lineage, but these words came out from Li Qiye’s mouth today.

“Grandma, it’s fine.” The peerless girl gently waved her sleeve and shook her head again after seeing the old woman wanting to give them another shot.

The old woman finally stopped after receiving the command from her Young Miss. However, she was still cautious towards Li Qiye because he knew too much. If necessary, their lineage would use absolutely any means necessary to silence him.

Li Qiye stared at the girl ahead, then he walked from his carriage to her. The two of them stood face to face. It could even be said that they could feel each other’s breaths.

They peered into each other’s eyes as if they wanted to read something within that they didn’t want outsiders to know.

After a while, Li Qiye began to gently caress the peerless girl's beautiful face. Such an action was completely out of line and would be intolerable to any other girl! The old woman's murderous intent rose once again. Her Young Miss was not for anyone to shame!

The peerless girl gently waved her sleeve again to stop the old woman. Meanwhile, Madam Zi Yan was in disbelief. She had guessed the girl's background, but her Young Master actually still dared to flirt with her like this on their first meeting.

What was even more astonishing was that this peerless girl didn't reject his advance. One must know that countless men in this world immediately fell in love with her at first sight. Even the most incomparable genius would instantly fall for her!

Li Qiye continued to gently caress her face with a very delicate motion as if she was his lover. At the same time, the peerless girl closed her eyes to feel his tender touch. It seemed that at this second, she was sensing his stroke while he was able to feel her heartbeat.

This scene became eternal, as if time had stopped. Both the madam and the old woman were stunned while looking at the two.

The old woman knew her Young Miss all too well. She had never been close to people, but today, she accepted this gesture of affection from a stranger during the first meeting.

"This is... unbelievable." Tie Yi emerged from the ground to

witness this scene unfold and was moved as well since he knew a thing or two!

No one knew how long this affectionate scene lasted, but Li Qiye eventually withdrew his hand. He gazed at the peerless girl inches away from him and gently shook his head to say: “You are not a descendant of the Ming Clan.”

“Nonsense!” The old woman cried out in shock after hearing this: “Young Noble Li, one can eat carelessly but cannot speak without thinking!”

This had something to do with a great secret that their lineage would absolutely not want outsiders to find out.

The peerless girl gestured and said: “Grandma, it’s fine. Young Noble Li is not an outsider.”

“Young Miss...” The old woman was dumbstruck after hearing this because that word had many implications and secrets within.

The peerless girl stopped there and looked at Li Qiye to introduce herself: “I am Ming Yexue of the Alchemy Kingdom, it is my pleasure to meet Young Noble Li.”

Ming Yexue! The main descendant of the Alchemy Kingdom, the number one beauty of the Stone Medicine World, a mysterious person who had always kept a low profile. Although very few people had seen her true appearance, her reputation was

widespread in the entire world!

Who in this world didn't know the name Fairy Ming Yexue? Who didn't know about the descendant of the Alchemy Kingdom?!

Li Qiye smiled and gently shook his head to say: "No, little girl. To be more exact, welcome back. Stay by my side from now on."

Prior to this, he was uncertain whether they had met before. However, this familiar sensation and the unforgettable heartbeat that he knew so well...

To him, it didn't matter if this peerless girl was Ming Yexue, the descendant of the Alchemy Kingdom, she was still her!

"I still don't understand." The contemporary number one beauty with unfathomable strength couldn't grasp Li Qiye's intentions. He gave her a very familiar feeling, one of dependence and closeness.

"It is fine not to understand. The past is not important, you will understand in the future." Li Qiye smiled. At this moment, he was in a particularly good mood.

Li Qiye stretched out his hand, and although Ming Yexue was dazed for a moment, she gently touched his arm in a natural and relaxed manner as if this was how things should be.

While looking at this scene, the madam, the old woman, and Tie

Yi were all astonished. This scene was so natural that people simply wouldn't want to destroy it.

This was the number one beauty of this world! Countless geniuses and imperial descendants wanted to court her but were unable to do so. At this very minute, she intimately held Li Qiye's hand like lovers. This action was as affectionate as it could be. Any spectator would be jealous at such a scene. The younger generation would be driven crazy by this since Ming Yexue was the goddess in many of their minds!

At this point, the old woman noticed her Young Miss following Li Qiye to his carriage. She was taken aback and hesitantly said: "Young Miss, I'm afraid this won't be good."

Li Qiye looked at the old woman who was nervous from wanting to protect her Young Miss. He only smiled and said: "Hundred-Life definitely didn't reveal many secrets to you."

"You, you are..." The old woman was astounded because just these words alone revealed a monumental secret. Even ordinary ancestors in their kingdom didn't know this. She was only able to become privy to it since she was the one who accompanied Ming Yexue during her childhood!

"Your Alchemy Kingdom has no notable secrets to me." Li Qiye sat on the carriage and said: "Besides, you don't need to be so paranoid. I will cherish this little girl more than anyone else. My protection for her will far exceed the likes of what your Alchemy Kingdom can provide!" Having said that, he gently stroked Ming Yexue's hair.

At this time, Ming Yexue was sitting next to him while Madam Zi Yan took the other side. Both of them were great beauties, especially Ming Yexue who was especially peerless. Such a scene was incredibly enviable and jealousy-inducing.

The old woman stared at Li Qiye for a while before choosing to be quiet. It was just as he said, there were many secrets that she did not know. For example, her Young Miss was said to be the descendant of the Ming Clan, however, very few people in the kingdom knew that this was not the truth!

Tie Yi looked at Ming Yexue following Li Qiye and couldn't help but wet his dry lips and murmur: "Damn, so amazing, is this actually happening?" He knew a particular secret, but he was still in disbelief after seeing this scene since it was just too shocking for him.

Ming Yexue's eyes fell upon Tie Yi who still had half of his body underground. She revealed a faint, charming smile and asked: "This Fellow Daoist... Have we met before?"

Tie Yi's expression greatly changed after hearing this; it was as if he had seen a ghost. He immediately waved his palms in denial and said: "No, no, no, Fairy Ming is thinking too highly of this lowly one. This lowly one is only a small, insignificant ant demon that has only heard of Fairy's great name; this lowly one has never seen Fairy's face before. Our meeting today is this lowly one's blessing that had been accumulated for three lifetimes." With that, he immediately drilled into the ground and escaped without a trace as if he was very afraid.

Li Qiye understood Tie Yi's action very clearly, but he didn't point it out. He simply stroked Ming Yexue's jade-like hand while closing his eyes, seemingly caught in old memories.

"I have some questions." After a while, Ming Yexue softly spoke to him. She was so calm and elegant that it would cause others to become intoxicated.

Even a beauty like Madam Zi Yan had to admit that calling her the number one beauty in the Stone Medicine World was not enough.

"I know, but none of that matters." Li Qiye said with a smile: "You will understand later. However, I have something to remind you of right now. Your Alchemy Kingdom has someone using the Heaven Suppression Formation, aiming to capture me! Out of consideration for you, I will not pursue this matter. However, if there is ever a second time, I will overturn the Alchemy Kingdom."

"Overturn the Alchemy Kingdom!" The old woman was upset at such words. She was from the kingdom and its direct branch at that. How could she be happy when Li Qiye said such things in front of her?

"I know you are annoyed with me." Li Qiye chuckled and said: "If you can meet Hundred-Life, let him know that your Alchemy Kingdom shouldn't forget your past mistakes. Don't forget the aftermath of the Divine Beast Realm!"

Such words rendered her breathless because she had heard a few legends that were known by fewer than few people. Even the kingdom's big shots didn't know about them!

“Young Noble Li shouldn't blame Grandma, she is just very protective towards me.” Ming Yexue slowly said.

Li Qiye looked at the old woman and said: “I'm not mad at her. If I was, then the Imperial Draco-Bull wouldn't have simply kicked her away earlier!”

Chapter 728: Ye Qingcheng's Origin

The old woman became very dejected, but she couldn't truly become angry. The bull's strength far exceeded her imagination. She couldn't help but feel powerless; she didn't even have the means to resist!

Li Qiye's arrogance was particularly upsetting. As a great character from the kingdom, she wanted to teach him a lesson about his disrespectful attitude, but she couldn't do anything when such a powerful existence like the bull was present.

Ming Yexue slightly frowned and said: "I also came because of this. We have many experts at the kingdom, but one that can utilize such a great formation must be at the ancestor level. At this moment, whether it's the direct branch or the side branches, no ancestors have come into being. At least, not on record."

Li Qiye chuckled and said: "Then go look into it. This time, I will not take action because of you, but this won't necessarily be the case next time."

Ming Yexue gently nodded and said: "Whether it is the direct or side branches, the elders will investigate this matter to see if an ancestor had personally taken action."

She was a decisive person, so after making her choice, she immediately wanted to go back. She told Li Qiye: "Does Young Noble Li want to go with me? If you are willing to enter our ancestral ground, I will introduce you to our elders."

To the younger generation of the Stone Medicine World, such an invitation was definitely an honor and a great compliment. Anyone would happily accept it.

Whether it was for her beauty or to see the ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom, both were irresistible to the younger generation.

However, Li Qiye only smiled and said: “You go back first. I will take a look later.”

Anyone would go mad if they knew that even an invitation from the number one beauty was refused.

Ming Yexue didn't push the subject. After saying farewell, she went back to her carriage and quickly left in order to investigate this matter.

After watching Ming Yexue's carriage leave, Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and sat back down.

The madam couldn't help but ask after Li Qiye settled down: “Young Master knew Fairy Ming before this?”

Li Qiye looked back at the departing direction of Ming Yexue and smilingly said: “How should I put this... Prior to this, I have never met or known anything about Ming Yexue, the descendant of the Alchemy Kingdom.”

However, he left out a sentence. A very long time ago, he once possessed an item that he painstakingly cultivated!

Tie Yi crawled out from the ground at this time with a slightly changed expression and said: “This Fairy Ming, she’s unfathomable, very unfathomable, and scary on top of that.”

The madam nodded in agreement to this evaluation: “This is true. Although Fairy Ming’s fame is not as prominent as Ye Qingcheng’s notoriety because of her mysterious and low profile conduct, many people still consider her as an existence capable of opposing Ye Qingcheng.”

“Your Majesty Zi Yan misunderstood what I meant.” Tie Yi shook his head and said: “I’m not only referring to her unfathomable cultivation or her unparalleled talents! I am talking about her frightening origin! It is definitely monstrous!”

After listening to the ant, the madam shuddered and replied: “Many big shots in this world know about Ye Qingcheng’s origin. He might be from the golem race, but it is far from being that simple since he was initially a divine stone! An unmatched stone!”

“I have heard of this speculation as well.” Tie Yi nodded and added: “Ye Qingcheng’s past life was the Stony Edge Kingdom’s defining stone. Legend states that this stone was obtained by their progenitor, Immortal Emperor Shi Feng. However, its exact origin couldn’t be pinpointed by future generations. In short, this was the greatest stone in their kingdom...”

“It was hidden in the location with the richest amount of worldly energy at the Stony Edge Kingdom. For generations, the wise sages of the kingdom preached dao scriptures to this stone and used their blood energy to cultivate it. A few decades ago, this stone suddenly felt the heaven and earth and obtained life! It was completely unbelievable. At the moment of its inception, it immediately had flesh and blood and could be considered supreme!” Tie Yi couldn’t help but lick his lips at this moment after reciting this long passage.

The madam also nodded and said: “Ye Qingcheng is indeed incredible. After experiencing so many wise sages expounding on the dao along with long years of cultivation, some even said that he will be the second Immortal Emperor Bi Shi. Any sect or lineage, even ones with two emperors like the Heavenhoof Ravine, hold him in high esteem and believe that he can become an emperor.”

The madam was shocked after thinking through what she just said. She recalled what her Young Master said earlier, as did Tie Yi. If Ye Qingcheng’s origin was unmatched but Ming Yexue’s origin was even more monstrous, then just what was her origin?

The madam was able to connect some dots at this moment. Until now, outsiders had always thought that Ming Yexue was the descendant of the Ming Clan — the imperial family. However, after today’s events, it appeared that she had a different origin.

“Let’s go, it is pointless to speculate these things.” Li Qiye said with a faint smile: “The alchemy conference will begin soon, so we should enter Alchemy City.”

“Well...” Tie Yi’s neck involuntarily shrank into his body after hearing this. While trying to hide, he apprehensively said: “Going to Alchemy City... might be very dangerous.”

Li Qiye glanced at him and said: “You did some immoral things that are unforgivable, so you don’t dare to enter Alchemy City, right?”

Tie Yi awkwardly smiled and said: “Young Noble is misunderstanding me. This lowly one is only worried for you. As Young Noble can see from earlier, the Alchemy Kingdom has people with malicious intentions towards us. Young Noble’s alchemy is peerless, so maybe someone is coveting it; maybe even an ancestor wants to capture you alive.”

After hearing this, Li Qiye lifted his head and gazed towards the direction of Alchemy City while revealing a gentle smile. “I’m more afraid that the Alchemy Kingdom will not take action. If they maneuver against me, then everything will be easy. However, if they are friendly and treat me as a guest, then I would truly feel bad about taking Ming Yexue away. If they want to kill me, then it would be even better.”

The madam revealed a smile and asked: “Young Master likes Fairy Ming?”

Li Qiye chuckled and responded: “How can this be called liking? I only want that girl to stay by my side in the future! If the Alchemy Kingdom wants to do this peacefully, then I can satisfy all of their

demands. If they want it the hard way, then it will be even easier!”

“Is Fairy Ming that important to Young Master?” Madam Zi Yan was moved. At this moment, she realized that her Young Master was not in love with Ming Yexue, and that he had a different reason for wanting her to stay with him.

Li Qiye didn’t answer her question. Instead, he only looked towards the far distance while reminiscing.

After a while, Li Qiye’s mind returned. He looked at Tie Yi and said: “Whether we go to Alchemy City or not is not up to you to decide. At that time, I will need to be there to refine some medicine, so if you escape and lose this good opportunity, don’t blame me for not reminding you.”

Tie Yi shuddered after this reminder. He immediately patted this chest like a drum and put on a courageous act as if he was willing to walk through fire. “Young Master, don’t worry. Wherever you go, I shall be there as well! I will definitely not embarrass you!”

Li Qiye smiled and said: “Okay, don’t speak such nauseating words, do you think I don’t know what’s on your mind?”

Tie Yi dryly coughed with an awkward look. Even the madam looked at Tie Yi one more time. She knew that he was a coward, at least in appearance. He clearly didn’t want to go to Alchemy City, but after listening to her Young Master, he lost all reservations. This really raised the madam’s curiosity about his injury!

The group traveled towards the city with the bull pulling the carriage at great speeds. It was not long before they arrived.

Alchemy City was located in an extremely strategic location. It was the first outpost before the entrance to the Alchemy Vein and only one step away from the ancestral ground of the imperial family.

Alchemy City in the Stone Medicine World was also known as Imperial City or Alchemy Capital!

Although it was called a city, it wasn't actually a city! In the nine worlds, when big sects form their own countries, the majority of their capitals would be very huge, ancient cities.

Alchemy City, on the other hand, had no semblance to a city. There were neither towering walls nor patrolling experts at this place despite being called Imperial City.

Chapter 729: Alchemy City

When one's gaze is set upon the Alchemy City, they would see endless rolling hills and majestic mountains. There were large rivers that resembled silver serpents. Everything here was full of life, and the worldly energy even permeated the air. Spirit grasses and shining alchemy materials could be seen as far as the eye could see.

The entire Alchemy City was just a huge landscape with no walls or boundaries. Inside the mountains were huge pavilions that reached into the sky. Among the straight precipices were suspended temples. Inside the valleys were floating ancient shrines...

Hidden buildings were everywhere in this place, and divine bridges spanned across thousands of miles. Rainbows connected one mountain to another, making spectators think that this was a land of the immortals.

An older legend said that this city was not named Alchemy City in the past, others referred to it as Phoenix City. As for the reason, very few people — later on — could say why. Even the imperial family didn't know the exact details.

There were many speculations regarding the name "Phoenix City." However, these speculations themselves were just hearsay and were without concrete evidence.

However, one of them was more reliable. In ancient times, there

were no human inhabitants in this place. There were no golems or demons either since they couldn't take half a step into this location.

This was because a divine tree took root and protected this great landscape. Later on, a phoenix came to this area and chose the divine tree as its nest. From then on, the phoenix lived on top of this divine tree, looking down on the nine heavens. Not a single cultivator could come close to this amazing land.

However, both the phoenix and the divine tree, despite their invincible and mystical strength, would still have their lifespans wither until the eventual day of their demise.

The legend went on to say that during that period, both of these creatures were unwilling to die and wanted to be reborn. Thus, the phoenix burned the divine tree and used its supreme divine flame to bathe itself, hoping to obtain the nirvana of rebirth.

Unfortunately, both of them were unsuccessful in the end. This supreme divine flame burned for ten thousand years before leaving only ashes behind! Of course, these were still divine creatures, especially the tree. Although they were burnt to ashes, they still left behind an extremely fertile land.

From then on, in just a short thousand years, countless spirit medicines and treasure trees appeared in this land. Countless auspicious beasts came to this place. There was even a rumor stating that in the deepest areas, the phoenix bones and the tree root were still burning!

After so many years, very few people in this world could remember that Alchemy City was once Phoenix City. However, this land remained full of life and energy.

Li Qiye's group didn't directly go to the reception of the kingdom. He chose a remote mountain within the city and stayed there.

There were many buildings and temples in the city, but there were even more mountains and peaks; many of them were unoccupied.

It could even be said that anyone who came to this place could pick a mountain to stay at. However, it would only be for a short period of time and not something permanent.

Those who could erect a foundation and create their own sects here had to earn the approval of the imperial family. Moreover, this crowd consisted of either subjects of the kingdom or were part of the side branches of the imperial family. Such a good opportunity was not available to outsiders!

Outsiders only came and stayed at these mountains and valleys for a short amount of time. No one dared to stay long since it would be akin to challenging the kingdom's autonomy.

Li Qiye picked a great mountain that reached all the way into the clouds. This mountain seemed to be quite old and tattered as if someone had crushed it or it had been scorched by flames.

No vegetation grew at this place since it was very dry. Standing on this mountain, a dry heat assaulted their faces. Anyone, at this time, would feel very annoyed.

Despite its towering size, this desolate mountain was out of place among these rich lands.

The madam couldn't help but say while standing on top of this place: "The worldly energy of this mountain seems to have been drained."

Li Qiye stood on the highest point to look at the four directions, but he didn't say anything.

Tie Yi also looked around to the distant lands. He noticed that the vegetation around here was not flourishing and the worldly energy was quite lacking. He immediately said: "It's not just the mountain's energy, it seems that all the locations around it are affected as well."

Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and revealed a faint smile to say: "We'll stay here for the time being."

The madam was confused and asked: "Young Master, the Alchemy Kingdom prepared a main hall to receive all the alchemists from their respective sects for this conference. Why are we not going there?"

“It is more convenient to kill while outside.” Li Qiye responded with a grin.

The madam couldn't help but chuckle at this reasoning. Compared to this reasoning, nothing else could be more silence-inducing.

She said: “If Young Master wants to kill people, you should pick a prettier location. This place only agitates people. Perhaps this is an ominous place and would cause people to be flustered.”

“You're right.” Li Qiye commented: “This is not a good location, but it is a very decent place to kill. We'll stay here, there will be a good show later on.”

The madam stopped talking and immediately summoned a treasure pavilion. In the blink of an eye, a square courtyard fell down to the mountain. The sound of flowing water could be heard from the garden. Otherwise, this dry mountain would drive people crazy.

While the madam was preparing the rooms, Li Qiye ordered Tie Yi: “Take a stroll around the city to see if there is any good news or not.”

Tie Yi quickly became spirited and asked: “What kind of news does Young Noble require?”

Li Qiye gave him a glance and said: “Aren't you really good at

guessing people's thoughts? What kind of news do you think I want to hear?"

Tie Yi answered: "Okay, you can rest assured. With my service, you'll hear exactly what you want." Having said that, he immediately took his leave.

Li Qiye smirked and asked the ant: "Wait, are you not drilling into the ground?" Until now, Tie Yi had always been traveling underground.

"Young Master, you must be joking." Tie Yi coughed and said: "The lands beneath the Alchemy Kingdom are very dangerous — this is known to all past dwellers. Moreover, Young Master picked a location like this, so how could I easily just dive underground? At best, I can only dive a couple meters below the surface and not any deeper. What if there is something down there that will devour me? I would be finished! What's even more frightening would be if I touched the forbidden magic beneath the kingdom. At that point, wouldn't I truly be done for?"

"So, it appears that you've been down there before?" Li Qiye remarked cheerfully.

Tie Yi awkwardly smiled and didn't dare to say anything else. He quickly left as if he was running away.

After the madam prepared Li Qiye's living quarters, she went into the garden and saw her Young Master playing around with some pots and bowls as well as sprinkling some powder onto the

ground. He left a lot of strange things on the mountain.

After seeing all the pots and bowls as well as the small pool of water that emitted a very pungent smell, the madam curiously asked: “Young Master, what are these things?”

Li Qiye kept himself busy while answering: “Just preparing a few things. One always needs to prepare before killing. My hands have been itching lately, and I have a few methods that I haven’t played with in a while. Constantly killing people instantly is very boring.”

“Is this the method Young Master is talking about?” The madam looked at the pots. There were many things she had never seen before.

Li Qiye said with a smile: “To be more exact, this is a part of alchemy. Alchemy is not only about refining pills or curing wounds. It is a very rich art that incorporates beast mastery, changing of tribulations, and stealing from the heavens...”

He narrowed his eyes and continued on: “Since people say that the Alchemy Kingdom is the model for alchemy, we have to play with alchemy to be tasteful, right? Always using force can be quite tiring.”

The madam couldn’t see through what her Young Master was planning. After a while, he was finally finished with these pots. They all had strange shapes and seemed very bizarre, leaving the madam completely confused.

After a while, Li Qiye finished and brushed off his palms while saying: “It has been a long time since I last played with these items, so I was a bit rusty. The treefather’s inventory was truly amazing; it had exactly what I needed. Otherwise, it would have been troublesome to collect them one by one.”

Before coming to the kingdom, the madam knew that her Young Master had taken a trip to the treefather’s treasury. So it was to take these materials.

“What purposes do these things serve, Young Master?” The confused madam didn’t try to guess and directly asked Li Qiye.

“You’ll find out very soon.” Li Qiye responded with a grin. He focused his gaze and said: “I hope the enemies will not disappoint me, or else this game will be very boring.”

Chapter 730: The Prelude To The Conference

The alchemy conference was one of the biggest events in the Stone Medicine World. It took place once every few decades. Moreover, it was jointly held by many imperial lineages, and the venue would change each time.

This time, the conference was being held in the Alchemy Kingdom. This place was even more grand compared to other lineages. All the alchemists here were especially enthusiastic.

This was understandable because the Alchemy Kingdom was praised as the lineage with the best and richest alchemy arts in this world! To be able to participate in this conference was a great honor.

Only youths could participate since if the previous generation could join in as well, the youths wouldn't be able to shine. There were not too many restrictions and rules. Even a capable vagabond on the dao of alchemy would be invited for the event.

Of course, there were many lineages that would invite young alchemists if they didn't have anyone to represent them for this conference.

For these young participants, if they were capable enough, then they wouldn't only win the prizes of the conference, they would also be able to win great fame.

Those with high potential that came from small sects, if they

were from one in the first place, could win the love of even imperial lineage with a great showing at the conference. Perhaps in just one day, they would be able to jump the dragon gate and join an imperial lineage.

Because of this reason, young alchemists would come running for each conference. They would do their best, hoping to earn the spotlight in this event.

This particular conference was much more exciting than the previous ones because the competition was much fiercer. In these last several days, Alchemy City became very lively since alchemists from all over the world entered the perimeter and received the kingdom's reception.

Most of them were very young; some were extremely famous as well. There were a few of them who were dubbed as genius alchemists.

It created a very majestic spectacle, causing the normally serene city to become very lively. Usually, even the small amounts of cultivators traveling to the city would not dare to break the serene atmosphere or disturb the imperial family.

But now, people came and went with all kinds of forms of travel. Some rode their horses, others their big flying tree branches. One even sat on a huge flying leaf...

All types of people came, including humans. However, humans were very rare in the Stone Medicine World. The majority of the

arrivals were demons and golems.

Within these last couple of days, both the residents and new alchemists talked about the alchemy conference. Some talked about the young participants, especially those with great fame.

The four alchemy prodigies garnered the most attention. They were the role models of the younger generation. Some even called them candidates for the next Alchemy Emperor!

The four prodigies were the Serene Garden's Yuan Caihe, the Bailian Clan's White Hair Alchemy God, the State of Cao's Cao Guoyao, and the Alchemy Kingdom's Mu Qiao!

They were the hottest topics in town as many people talked about the four of them.

The first among them to come was Yuan Caihe! Although she kept a very low profile during her stay, the more informed people still found out right away, causing quite a stir.

"Fairy Yuan is also here to participate in the conference?" People loudly discussed after the news of her presence was spread.

"I heard that Fairy Yuan didn't come to participate this time, she was invited by the Observant Monarch to cure one of his divine roots." A well-informed person immediately revealed why Yuan Caihe came to the city.

“Ah, the fairy not participating in the conference is truly a big loss. It will be less colorful now.” Many sighed with regret.

Yuan Caihe’s dao of alchemy was well-known in this world. Her cultivation of grasses was peerless in this world. Some even said that she had surpassed the current master of the Serene Garden.

Her gentle and kind nature was famous as well. As one of the four prodigies, she was the humblest and most respected of the bunch.

Numerous lineages in this world invited her to cure their divine trees and great medicines. Moreover, she assisted quite a few sects. Because of this, her absence at the conference was duly missed by many alchemists, especially the younger crowd.

“I heard the Alchemy Kingdom’s Mu Qiao will not be participating in this conference either. Among the four, only White Hair Alchemy God and Cao Guoyao are participating.” A cultivator found out some news and told his friends.

Mu Qiao was the alchemy prodigy of the kingdom, but since the kingdom was the host of this conference, he was not participating to avoid arousing suspicions.

In fact, since the kingdom’s prestige regarding the dao of alchemy was already renowned, the honor of winning this conference didn’t really matter to them.

“Since Fairy Yuan and Mu Qian are not participating this time, it

seems that our Alchemy Realm has no hopes of winning the title. Hmm, maybe even entering the top three will be difficult.” A cultivator from the Alchemy Realm couldn’t help but lament.

The younger crowd from the Alchemy Realm was quite sad since Yuan Caihe and Mu Qiao were not participating. Until now, the dao of alchemy of the Alchemy Realm far exceeded the Beast Realm and the Stone Realm.

It could even be said that the Alchemy Realm produced many more alchemists — including Alchemy Emperors — compared to the other two realms. But now, their two strongest young alchemists were not participating. This meant that the Alchemy Realm had no chance of claiming number one this time. There was a chance that they wouldn’t even place in the top three.

“Maybe the Radiant-Sea Sect’s Cauldron Marquis has a chance of getting into the top three.” The alchemists from this realm couldn’t help but bring up another genius.

“Indeed, I heard the Cauldron Marquis is already very formidable with his alchemy dao and is only a bit weaker than the four prodigies. More importantly, his cauldron control skill is superb. His physique paste, ointment, longevity medicine, and fate pill creation skills are very balanced unlike the four prodigies who are more versed in one particular area.” Another alchemist agreed.

Despite the Alchemy Realm having many powerful young alchemists, they were still the underdogs compared to the White Hair Alchemist and Cao Guoyao!

Day after day passed, but Alchemy City only became even more lively. It didn't matter if some sects were very far away from the Alchemy Realm, they still came running with their disciples to participate in the conference.

“The White Hair Alchemy God is about to arrive. The Bailian Clan's Devil Hand Sacred Doctor is opening the path for him.” Someone sent out this news on this day.

“The Devil Hand Sacred Doctor is here as well? Does the Bailian Clan want to take two of the top three spots?” Many participating alchemists felt pressured after hearing that the sacred doctor had come as well.

“Devil Hand Sacred Doctor... Hmph!” Many people felt very indignant after hearing this name, but they couldn't do anything about it.

The sacred doctor was another genius from the Bailian Clan; he was the junior brother of the White Hair Alchemy God. The main difference was that the doctor was more focused on the dao of healing.

Although healing was a part of the dao of alchemy, most alchemists were not willing to put so much effort into this aspect. Healing was not as important to cultivators since it couldn't improve one's cultivation.

The sacred doctor was well-known as well, with his own

accomplishments. Although he was not as great as his senior brother, the White Hair Alchemy God, his curing abilities were matchless.

Some even called him One Needle to Seize Life. This meant that no matter how grave one's injuries might be, he could still bring them back from the god of death by using just one needle.

Saving life should be a very respectable profession, but many people were very resentful of his name. This was not only due to his arrogance, but also because of his absurd conditions when he saved others!

However, they were helpless since he truly did have heaven-defying abilities as a doctor; he was able to bring someone back from the verge of death.

Although many alchemists had arrived at the city, Li Qiye ignored it completely. He only brought the madam around on that dried and withered mountain. He didn't want to only participate in the alchemy conference, he was also preparing a supreme scheme to catch those conspiring against him in one fell swoop.

Ever since the ambush with the grand sealing of the Alchemy Kingdom, Li Qiye understood very well that there was a big shot in the kingdom that wanted to capture him alive!

Others would immediately flee since they didn't want to oppose the kingdom, but Li Qiye had no such thoughts. On the contrary, he was preparing for the grandest event. The moment his enemies

dared to take action, he would flip this entire land over!

Chapter 731: Li Qiye's Preparations

On the second day of staying at the mountain, the madam went to the garden early in the morning and was jolted by the thing she saw.

Because there were all kinds of poisonous insects in the garden. Even a Demon King like her couldn't help but gasp at such a sight.

Li Qiye had sprinkled powder over the little pond in the garden. Inside was a three-meter long centipede drinking the water. Within a big basin was a poisonous snake with its entire flaming body playing around in the mud. Inside a large bowl was a scorpion king spewing and sucking in poisonous air as if it was refining poisonous pills...

The madam was quite creeped out by this as chills continuously ran down her spine. It was as if their garden had become a poisonous nest overnight! She couldn't help but take the long path around after seeing these terrifying and powerful poisonous creatures. Luckily, these creatures seemed to be very content and didn't try to attack her.

On the other end of the small courtyard, she finally found her Young Master. At this time, he was lying there while emitting a faint gray death energy.

Although she didn't know what he was doing, she didn't disturb him and only quietly waited by his side.

After a long period of silence, Li Qiye recovered his death energy and casually planted a spirit medicine at that location.

“Why is Young Master planting medicines here?” The madam found that there were many spirit plants around. Moreover, she had never seen these types of plants before and didn’t know what they were.

Li Qiye smiled happily and said: “This Alchemy Kingdom is not only abundant in spirit medicines. Those who understand the dao of alchemy know that this is a place that also contains many terrifying poisonous creatures. They used to hide inside this Alchemy City! Normal cultivators wouldn’t be able to see them.”

“Young Master wants to tame these creatures?” The madam curiously asked. She had heard that taming poisonous creatures and beasts was also a part of the dao of alchemy. Although the Stone Medicine World of the nine worlds was known as the place of alchemists, the lineage well-versed in this regard was only one, the Insect Swarm Valley established by Immortal Emperor [Bai Chong](#).

Bai Chong = Hundred Insect, but I’ve been using Hundred a lot, so I named this sect Insect Swarm instead. Same meaning.

“Taming poisonous creatures is only a little path to me.” Li Qiye said with a smile: “It’s just for fun, that’s all. The Alchemy Kingdom still has some really powerful Legendary Alchemists lurking around. It wouldn’t be very fun killing these Legendary Alchemists without a few tricks.”

The madam shuddered after hearing this. Using alchemy to kill was something she had heard of before but had yet to witness in person. It was told that only Legendary Alchemists were able to use their dao of alchemy for murder.

However, Legendary Alchemists were just one level below Alchemy Emperors. Ordinary lineages wouldn't be able to have such powerful alchemists.

“The Alchemy Kingdom doesn't only have an untouchable dao of alchemy.” The madam was worried and reminded her Young Master.

In the Stone Medicine World, very few people or lineages were willing to oppose the Alchemy Kingdom, especially on their home turf at Alchemy City. This was the same as courting death.

The kingdom's renowned alchemy was something the entire world knew. However, its strength and hidden cards were even stronger than its dao of alchemy. One sect, three emperors — these were not mere words. There were even speculations that the kingdom had a Godking at the moment, and possibly not just one.

Fighting against the kingdom under such circumstances with only the dao of alchemy was quite impossible.

Nevertheless, Li Qiye didn't seem to care at all. He smiled and said: “It's okay. These poisonous creatures are only for fun. It would still be fine if the kingdom dares to unleash their killing move! At that time, I'll let them see my hidden ace!” With that, a

light flashed across his eyes.

After following Li Qiye for some time, the madam immediately understood what Li Qiye's expression meant.

“Young Master wants to steal Fairy Ming from them?” The madam asked. She was curious about Ming Yexue's position in her Young Master's mind.

“Steal?” Li Qiye chuckled and replied: “Zi Yan, how can you call it stealing? My peace-loving self would be more than happy to speak with the kingdom if they are willing! The decision of this matter is not in my hands, it is up to the kingdom. I have no qualms with a peaceful resolution.”

The madam felt a bit helpless inside. It was just like her Young Master said, how this matter would unravel was up to the kingdom's attitude.

However, she also understood that her Young Master was well prepared in case of a grand battle. She wondered if the kingdom was ready for the oncoming storm or not!

“Young Noble, this lowly one is back.” At this time, Tie Yi came out of nowhere and spoke to Li Qiye.

Li Qiye glanced at him and said: “With such speed, you must be back with good news.”

“The hard working will be rewarded. This lowly one searched every inch of this Alchemy City and finally found some useful information for Young Noble.” Tie Yi smiled, eager to claim credit.

Li Qiye looked at him with one eye and said: “I know about your meritorious service already, so don’t bother reminding me.”

Tie Yi coughed and didn’t dare to put on airs. He quickly said: “The first piece of news is related to this alchemy conference. Mu Qiao from the kingdom will not be in the conference, but the White Hair Alchemy God and Cao Guoyao will participate...”

“Next.” Li Qiye slightly waved his sleeves; it was clear that he had no interest in this. He already knew the outcome since victory would be in his grasp no matter what kind of alchemy genius participated. For him, not to mention the younger generation, even the Legendary Alchemists from the older generations were no problem.

Tie Yi quickly changed the subject and said: “The Heavenhoof Ravine sent many people. I heard there are some incredible big shots coming. Outside of protecting Cao Guoyao, I’m afraid they have another goal. Moreover, Ye Qingcheng’s troops are also here. Maybe he himself will come to Alchemy City.”

Having said that, Tie Yi couldn’t help but take a quick glance at Li Qiye. The enmity between Li Qiye and the Heavenhoof Ravine as well as Ye Qingcheng was no secret. If the ravine and Ye Qingcheng didn’t come for the alchemy conference, then they might be coming for Li Qiye.

Li Qiye didn't bat an eye after hearing this. Either one was fine; it was no problem for him even if they dared to come for him. If god blocked his path, slay god; if devil blocked his path, slay devil.

"There is another thing relating to the Alchemy Kingdom." Tie Yi's expression slightly shifted at this point as he continued: "The strongest ace card of the Huangfu Clan, their most powerful ancestor, didn't mind coming out of his Blood Era Stone. Moreover, this Sacred Ancestor went to the World-Pillar Monarch's abode — this is from a very trustworthy source."

Li Qiye had no reaction while the madam was startled into saying: "Even the Sacred Ancestor came into being! I heard that he is a legendary master, and a top one at that. Some people even consider him a God-Monarch!"

"This is not the scariest part." Tie Yi added in a serious manner: "The scariest part is that the World-Pillar Monarch married the young miss of the Huangfu Clan, but his ancestor came from the kingdom's direct branch. Moreover, they still have a living ancestor that is buried in the ancestral ground. I even heard that his position is not small at all in the kingdom!"

The madam couldn't help but glance at her Young Master. One God-Monarch from the Huangfu Clan was already frightening enough, but if the kingdom's ancestor came out as well, then it meant that the entire kingdom could become his enemy.

At this point, she realized that the situation was much more

serious than what she had expected.

“Xian Clan Ancestor, oh?” Li Qiye rubbed his chin and chuckled before speaking: “One or two ancestors... too few, this won’t be fun at all.”

The madam couldn’t help but wryly smile. Only her Young Master would utter these words. She couldn’t help but to softly reply: “Young Master, I don’t know the Xian Ancestor very well, but the Sacred Ancestor from the Huangfu Clan... this is a God-Monarch — very frightening!”

“Only a false god that can’t reach the apex.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “A True God might be interesting, but a false god is not worth mentioning.”

What could the madam say? This was a God-Monarch! Even if he wasn’t a real God-Monarch with a bestowed title, he was still a legendary master. Even a Virtuous Paragon from the previous generation would feel their legs trembling after hearing about such a character, let alone those from the younger generation.

“Young Noble, if the Xian Ancestor gets involved and Young Noble kills them with your might, then wouldn’t it be stirring the beehive?” Tie Yi advised: “Take a step back and everything will be fine; Young Noble does not necessarily have to fight the kingdom. By treading carefully, this behemoth of a kingdom might not be willing to come out just for the Huangfu Clan. Fighting against the entire kingdom is not wise.”

Tie Yi rarely advocated this type of speech, but even he was a bit wary of a monster like the Alchemy Kingdom. Many people in the Stone Medicine World knew that being enemies with the entire kingdom was completely unwise.

“It doesn’t matter.” Li Qiye chuckled and said: “It has been a while since my last massacre, so I have been feeling quite bored lately. I will be very happy if some people come to the door knocking!” With that, he shifted his gaze towards the distant mountain range.

The source of the Alchemy Vein, the place coveted by so many. At that place were many hidden secrets. Having thought to this point, Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile. The kingdom was very fortunate that he didn’t touch them. However, if their descendants didn’t know life from death, then he would be glad to repeat history!

Chapter 732: Devil Hand Sacred Doctor

Li Qiye had an air of calmness as he gazed towards the farthest location of the kingdom. However, the madam and Tie Yi could smell a stench of blood as they envisioned a scene where tides of blood covered the sky. Li Qiye was a bloodthirsty beast, waiting for his prey to come to his door.

After a while, Li Qiye looked back at Tie Yi and asked: “Any other news?”

Tie Yi was excited and quickly replied: “Young Noble will like this last piece of news and be spirited again.”

Li Qiye slightly waved his hand and said: “Okay, don’t push it. Speak.”

“Fairy Yuan is here too.” Tie Yi immediately said: “Even earlier than us, in fact. She is already inside Alchemy City.”

“Caihe is here?” Li Qiye was surprised after hearing this. When they parted back at the Celestial Peak, Yuan Caihe had said that she might not be able to participate in the conference this time.

Tie Yi quickly responded: “Yes, I heard Observant Monarch’s divine root is ill. This is quite a big problem, so he personally invited Fairy Yuan. I heard that he and the previous generation sect master of the Serene Garden have a deep friendship, so it is not too surprising that he can get her to come.”

Tie Yi was also there back at the Celestial Peak with these two. He understood that Li Qiye had a good impression and greatly valued Yuan Caihe, so he listened carefully to her news without missing any details.

“Does Young Noble want to see Fairy Yuan right now? She is currently at the Observant Monarch’s mansion. I heard that in the last two days, the monarch had invited many young alchemists to his mansion.”

Li Qiye happily said: “Since Caihe is here, we might as well go have a look and see her. I don’t have anything to do right now anyway.”

The madam was surprised. She was caught off guard with her Young Master valuing Ming Yexue, but now he thought highly of Yuan Caihe as well.

“Maybe only Fairy Yuan will be able to charm Young Master.” The madam jokingly mused. No matter the occasion, her Young Master would always be confident and nonchalant as if he was prepared for anything and never in a hurry. It could even be said that this was her first time seeing her Young Master taking the initiative to go see a girl.

Li Qiye only slightly shook his head and smilingly responded: “Zi Yan, you are only half right. Caihe is indeed a good girl that is loved by everyone. However, very few girls in this world can move my heart.” He grew melancholic and was submerged in his

memories after saying this.

After tens of millions of years, the girls that stayed by his side were plentiful, including goddesses, fairies, and princesses. Some were stunning and brilliant, others were charming and gentle, and there were the pleasant and lovely ones... He even trained a few empresses himself.

Nevertheless, after such a long period of time, very few girls were able to cause his heart to thump... He gently shook his head again after recomposing his thoughts.

The Observant Monarch's mansion in the city was large. Multiple peaks were connected to each other as dozens of mountains surrounded the entire area as if it was its own world. Very few residences in the city could reach this size.

However, the Observant Monarch was indeed qualified to have such a residence. As a royal subject of the kingdom, he was one of its oldest monarchs. He was also a direct disciple of the main branch — this background alone was enough to show his noble status.

He also had meritorious contributions for the kingdom throughout his entire life. His loyalty to the imperial family was proven with hard work, so he was highly favored by the family.

Within the last few days, the monarch hosted a banquet at his mansion with many young alchemists. Even those who were not invited could still come as guests. The monarch's doors were open

and welcomed all alchemists.

The Alchemy Kingdom already had a grand hall to receive new alchemists for this conference, so the monarch's move was clearly a strategy from the imperial family. His goal was to observe the young alchemists, and if he saw ones with potential, he would try to recruit them for the kingdom.

Among the many guest alchemists, those who were personally invited by the monarch to the mansion were all famous young alchemists. The uninvited ones still came in order to build connections with other alchemists for the future.

Within the mansion, the youths were separated into groups. Outside of talking about alchemy and spirit medicines, they were also gossiping about other events.

The most notable guests at the mansion were the Cauldron Marquis and the Devil Hand Sacred Doctor. They were surrounded by many young alchemists who were more than willing to befriend them.

The sacred doctor was a genius of the Bailian Clan, the junior brother of the White Hair Alchemy God. Although he was a very arrogant person and was hard to get along with, many people were still willing to befriend him.

As for the Cauldron Marquis, he was a genius alchemist of the Radiant-Sea Sect. Although his fame was not as great as their descendant, Young Noble Pei Yu, being a genius alchemist of an

imperial family still earned him quite a reputation in the Alchemy Realm.

Today, both of them were invited by the monarch to this party. It could be said that they were moons surrounded by stars; they were very well received by the other youths.

“Marquis, I heard that Young Noble Pei Yu has returned, will he come to Alchemy City?” A young alchemist was trying to make a conversation with the Cauldron Marquis.

Although the marquis was bestowed a royal title, he was still very young as a demon. After hearing this, he nodded and said: “After my first brother came out of his cultivation session, he took a trip to the Beast Realm. I believe he wants to spar against the Golden Crow Prince.”

“Young Noble Pei Yu’s Heaven’s Will Radiant Physique is peerless in this world. He definitely will not lose against the Golden Crow Prince.” An alchemist wanted to curry favor with the Cauldron Marquis.

“Fool, what do you know?” At this time, the sacred doctor interrupted and sneered: “The Golden Crow tribe’s offense is unmatched in this generation. The prince not only came out from this tribe, he is also the inheritor of the Heavenhoof Ravine; he has the arts of two legacies! Even if Pei Yu had a stronger defense, he would not be able to stop the crow’s sharp attacks!”

The sacred doctor was also very young. Although they were both

geniuses, the marquis was easier to get along with. Meanwhile, the doctor's eyes were up in the sky. He was very proud and never minced words for nobodies.

His words caused many young alchemists to be unhappy, but they didn't dare to retort against him and could only bury their annoyance!

The marquis was also not willing to become enemies with the doctor. Everyone knew that the Bailian Clan's alchemy was formidable, especially regarding longevity medicines. Countless ancestors and legendary masters were willing to make ties with the Bailian Clan for these medicines.

“There are many popular candidates for the upcoming conference this time, correct?” One of the young alchemists felt that the atmosphere was quite tense, so he quickly changed the subject.

As a genius alchemist, the marquis also became interested and said: “Since Fairy Ming and Brother Mu Qiao aren't participating in this conference, who could be the top two besides the White Hair Alchemy God and Brother Cao?”

He knew his own limits and how he was lacking compared to the White Hair Alchemy God and Cao Guoyao, so his ambition was to take third place.

“Marquis really has the ability to take the third spot for this conference.” An alchemist quickly flattered him and praised:

“Your participation will brighten up this event quite a bit.”

The marquis' expression became more spirited. However, he glanced at the sacred doctor and humbly said: “Hey now, Brother Sacred Doctor's dao of alchemy can also be considered number one. I'm not necessarily any stronger than him.”

The sacred doctor proudly told the marquis: “You are well-versed in pill refinement and ointments. Regarding traditional alchemy, you are more likely to win third place than I am! If I didn't train in the art of curing, then I could reach top three easily!”

Although his remark was very proud and aggressive, the marquis was secretly excited. The doctor's comment was self-praise, but he also admitted his deficiency in a particular area when being compared to the marquis.

“No such thing, I am a big fan of Brother Sacred Doctor's medical techniques.” The marquis immediately responded with a smile.

Many youths took advantage of this situation to grovel over these two. However, no matter the location, there would always be some simple and honest fellas.

A more honest alchemist interrupted and said: “I heard that a new amazing alchemist appeared recently. His name is Li Qiye. People say that he can refine pills like cooking. Back at Allpine Mountain, he defeated Huangfu Hao and the Vinepill King!”

The marquis' face soured after hearing the name Li Qiye. As a disciple of the Radiant-Sea Sect, how could he be happy? Back at Alpine Mountain, his sect suffered a heavy loss by losing many experts. Even their Alchemy Saint died!

“He’s just a nobody, I’ve never heard of that name before.” A clever young alchemist immediately said after seeing the marquis’ cold expression.

Chapter 733: Observant Mansion

“Right, right. How could the marquis have heard of such a nobody?” Another young alchemist quickly buttered up to the monarch.

A simple and honest person always lacked a sense of social awareness even though they didn't really want to leave the marquis with no face. This simple alchemist couldn't hold it in and blurted: “I heard this Li Qiye's fate pills were unbelievable. They all had a near golden tint, pretty to the point of perfection. Marquis, you need to be careful and be sure to beat this Li Qiye!”

The marquis almost vomited blood from anger after hearing this simple alchemist's words. He didn't want to bring up Li Qiye since him murdering so many Radiant-Sea members was a huge humiliation. Now, this simple alchemist just had to bring up Li Qiye of all people, causing the marquis to feel quite annoyed.

“Idiot, how could you trust such rumors?” The sacred doctor sneered and shouted at this simple alchemist: “Refining pills like cooking is not possible for even a Legendary Alchemist, let alone a human brat! Hmph, this Li Qiye, he only has a good Heavenly Cauldron. The people there didn't understand the matter so they considered him a god or something. They are just false rumors.”

The simple alchemist felt indignant after this retort and said: “Everyone said it. I even heard that this Li Qiye didn't only have an untouchable dao of alchemy, he also has an invincible cultivation. Someone said that he defeated many experts, including an ancestor from the Huangfu Clan!”

After saying this, he couldn't help but glance at the marquis. He actually wanted to say that even the Radiant-Sea Alchemy Saint was killed by Li Qiye, but he managed to hold back this piece of information.

The marquis was about to vomit blood. If it wasn't for the alchemist's truly honest appearance, then he would have thought that this alchemist was deliberately provoking him. This fool had no sense of propriety! If this wasn't the Observant Mansion, he would have kicked this fool flying away already!

“What the hell are you saying?” A smarter alchemist noticed the marquis' sour mood and immediately denounced the simple alchemist: “Li Qiye is shit! So what if he defeated the Huangfu Ancestor? Those are only egotistical rumors. The ancestor is an invincible paragon, so how could Li Qiye kill him? Bah, how can you even say such shameless words?”

“This Li guy daring to act all arrogant at Allpine Mountain was simply due to the fact that he was holding onto the mountain's legs. The Huangfu Ancestor was defeated by the Allpine Treefather! Hmph, for a junior like Li Qiye, not to mention the ancestor, any expert could easily crush him into pieces!”

In order to help the Radiant-Sea Sect and befriend the marquis, this young alchemist tried his best to debase Li Qiye as if he was not worth a single coin just to make the marquis happy.

“He's just scum borrowing someone else's prestige to look good

— not worth mentioning.” The marquis felt better after hearing the smart alchemist’s statement.

“But these aren’t my words.” The simple-minded alchemist must have been all muscles. After being scolded by the sacred doctor and now a different alchemist, he felt very indignant and said: “Others said it, I’m only repeating what I heard. This Li Qiye apparently is comparable to the four alchemy prodigies while his cultivation is comparable to the celestial being and the Imperial Edge.”

The marquis couldn’t help but shake with anger. He was helpless when it came to encountering such a stupid fool. His mood was quickly improved only to be ruined again with just one stupid sentence!

“Zhong Xian, you idiot, get the hell out of here!” The smart alchemist was also shaking with anger because of the simple alchemist. It wasn’t easy for him to curry some favor, but this idiot ruined all of his efforts.

He pointed at the simple alchemist and scolded: “Li Qiye is nothing! How can he be qualified to compare to the four prodigies, the celestial being, and the Imperial Edge?! Bah, he better take another look at himself in a mirror! He’s only scum that knows how to praise himself and use other people... Only an idiot like you, Zhong Xian, can be around him!”

The alchemist named Zhong Xian was full of grievances and said: “But, but, these aren’t my words...”

“First, I am not nothing, I am a human.” At this time, a leisurely voice appeared and continued on: “Second, this celestial being and Imperial Edge are not worthy of being compared to me; doing so would be praising them too much. Third, if you and I have some grievances, then I can understand why you are defaming me. However, defaming me just to suck up to someone else... Should I throw you out or just kill you on the spot?!”

Two people leisurely came in from the door and walked to the party’s courtyard. The leading man was Li Qiye with Madam Zi Yan right behind him.

“Li Qiye...” Many people stood up upon sighting him. A few young alchemists from the Alchemy Realm inwardly shuddered because right behind him was Madam Zi Yan, the Demon King of a country! Her status and position were far above many in the younger generation.

Even a genius alchemist would be extremely afraid of a Heavenly King. The madam also enjoyed a great reputation among the younger generation of this realm.

Li Qiye came forward to look at the smart alchemist before idly saying: “Today, my mood can be considered decent. Although you spoke behind my back, I will not dwell on it. Slap your face three times and consider that as your punishment.”

The smart alchemist couldn’t help but take several steps back and hide behind the Cauldron Marquis. He, of course, couldn’t slap himself in front of everyone. Otherwise, how could he show himself anywhere in the future?

“You are Li Qiye, right?!” The marquis stepped forward and coldly leered at Li Qiye: “This isn’t a place for you to act so presumptuously!”

Li Qiye met his leer and said: “I can act presumptuously wherever I want. It seems that your Radiant-Sea Sect still hasn’t learned its lesson. After so many deaths, it still dares to step up for someone else, how courageous.”

“Bold words.” The sacred doctor found Li Qiye unpleasant as well. Although he had no feud with Li Qiye, an arrogant person like him held everyone in disdain. He couldn’t stand Li Qiye’s arrogant attitude, so he sneered: “You are only relying on others. If the treefather wasn’t your backer, you wouldn’t be able to do shit! You really think this place is Alpine Mountain? Wrong! This is the Alchemy Kingdom, and here is Alchemy City, the Observant Mansion! Be smart and scram lest you humiliate yourself!”

Although news of Li Qiye killing the Alchemy Saint and the elders of the ravine had spread, Li Qiye had never personally taken action. Many people assumed that it was not his doing, but the treefather’s instead. They all thought that the treefather secretly lent Li Qiye a hand.

“That’s right, the Observant Mansion does not welcome a ruthless, shameless wretch like you. The Stone Medicine World’s dao of alchemy will not allow scum like you to stain it! Alchemists gather here to discuss alchemy; a person who wants to kill so impulsively like you shouldn’t stay here and ruin the atmosphere. Get the hell out of here, now!” The smart alchemist hiding behind

the marquis quickly fanned the flames.

He was naturally afraid. It wasn't necessarily because of Li Qiye, but the madam standing next to Li Qiye caused his legs to lose strength.

“Ruthless, shameless wretch.” Li Qiye did not become angry. He stroked his chin and leisurely smiled to say: “It seems that if I don't kill a few people, I won't be worthy of an adjective like ruthless.” Having said that, he walked towards the smart alchemist.

“You think this is a place where you can be violent?” The marquis blocked Li Qiye's path and said: “Brother Jin, although I am only a guest at the mansion, I'm sure the mansion will not blame us if we teach this brute a lesson!”

At this moment, a young man with an intrepid aura led a group of experts to the scene and immediately separated Li Qiye's group from the marquis. This imposing youth was the Brother Jin referred to by the marquis and also a disciple of the Observant Monarch.

While the mansion welcomed all alchemists as guests, there were always experts present at any time to stop all troublemakers to avoid problems.

And so, the youth stopped Li Qiye and coldly said: “Please go back! Our mansion does not welcome you as a guest!”

Li Qiye casually inquired: “Oh? Isn’t your Observant Mansion very hospitable with its door always open to alchemists?”

“That depends on the person!” This disciple had a good relationship with the Cauldron Marquis. He not only prevented Li Qiye from causing trouble at the venue, he coldly added to it to win some face for the marquis: “We welcome alchemists, but you are not part of this group!”

“That’s right, if any random dog on the street could enter this mansion, then its reputation would be ruined.” The cowering alchemist behind the marquis quipped.

Right now, with the marquis’ protection and the mansion as his backing, he grew bolder and said: “A junior like you who only relies on others is not qualified to be a guest at the monarch’s mansion! Be smart and scram!”

“So noisy.” Before Li Qiye could respond, the madam stepped in and took action. “Pop!” This smart alchemist was slapped flying out of the mansion by the madam. With so much blood spurting everywhere, no one knew if he was dead or alive.

Chapter 734: Observant Monarch

Many alchemists present were shocked at the madam slapping this alchemist flying. Many of them became nervous and didn't dare to breathe out loud. The fury of a Heavenly King filled alchemists like them with dread.

The Cauldron Marquis, the sacred doctor, and the disciple of the monarch were all shaken as well. Although they were very strong and had great reputations, this was due to their prowess in alchemy. Regarding cultivation, they were much weaker than the madam.

The startled youth became much more courageous after remembering that his master was the Observant Monarch. He spoke solemnly to the madam: "Your Majesty Zi Yan, our Observant Mansion isn't a place for you to do as you please!"

The madam glanced at this youth and slowly uttered: "If you still consider yourself as a disciple of the Observant Monarch, then conduct yourself in such a manner."

The madam's tyrannical aura caused the youth's heart to sink. Her ruler's aura alone had left him suffocating.

When Li Qiye arrived at the mansion, the Observant Monarch could be found pacing back and forth in his guest room. He was very anxious while waiting for Yuan Caihe's news; he was worried about his divine root not being able to be saved. Suddenly, an old woman came out of nowhere, causing the monarch to exclaim in

astonishment: “Grandma Bai, what brings you to my humble abode?”

The still absent-minded monarch quickly calmed down and went to greet this old woman that appeared out of nowhere with his fists cupped.

This old woman was the one who was with Ming Yexue. She was a great character inside the imperial family, an amazing paragon. Even a monarch like him was only a junior before her.

“No need for pleasantries. There is an esteemed guest at your mansion right now. His name is Li Qiye.” The old woman didn’t have many words. With a cold demeanor, she went straight to the point: “Young Miss’ orders, you must treat him well. If anything happens, I’m afraid the Young Miss will not protect you!” Having said that, she disappeared without a trace.

After taking in the statement, the monarch quickly rushed outside, aghast. He couldn’t compose his thoughts in such a short amount of time.

Meanwhile, inside the courtyard, the monarch’s disciple took a deep breath. He was truly afraid of a Heavenly King like the madam, but all things considered, he was still a disciple of the Alchemy Kingdom! With a behemoth like this as his backing, he became more audacious.

He maintained a strong posture and said: “Your Majesty Zi Yan, our mansion will always welcome someone of your status as a

guest at any time. However, we do not welcome certain people, so they better get the hell out of here!”

“Ah, Zi Yan, you meant well, but a few fools do not understand.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head gently to say: “I do not care about being a guest at the Observant Mansion. I am only here to see Caihe.”

The madam gently shook her head as well without saying anything. How could she not be clear of the situation? Her Young Master not beating people was already a blessing from the heavens, but others actually came to provoke him.

She was not the belligerent type. Her slap earlier was to quench her Young Master’s anger, but who would have thought that this disciple from the mansion didn’t know when to back down? This was going to cause a catastrophe for the mansion!

“Fairy Yuan is the most honored guest of our mansion, random dogs and cats can’t see her.” The disciple coldly uttered: “You better leave now, or else we won’t be so reserved anymore.”

Li Qiye remained relaxed in the face of this response. There was even a faint smile on his face as he slightly squinted his eyes.

The madam gently sighed after seeing her Young Master’s expression. She understood that someone was about to have a bad time. One might be able to survive an act of god, but no one could survive a self-brought calamity!

“How preposterous!” A thunderous roar suddenly appeared at this time as an old man soared closer.

The youth was ecstatic when he saw this old man, thinking that his backing had arrived. He immediately said: “Master, you are here just in time! This person wants to show off at our mansion and also intends on harming the guest alchemists present...”

With his master here, he was no longer afraid of opposing the madam.

The Cauldron Marquis’ group was also happy to see the Observant Monarch in person. It seemed that the monarch wanted to teach this human junior a good lesson for not knowing the immensity of the heaven and earth.

“Pop!” However, something unexpected occurred. After rushing here, the monarch immediately violently slapped his disciple’s face, causing his mouth to bleed. One could imagine just how much force this slap was backed with.

“Master...” This disciple was dumbfounded after being slapped by his master. He didn’t know where he went wrong.

In fact, many alchemists here, including the marquis’ group, were astounded by this slap as well. They couldn’t come up with a reason as to why the monarch would suddenly slap his own disciple, especially in front of everyone!

“Bastard, quickly apologize to Young Noble Li!” The monarch shouted. He was a great expert, so during his rage, a great aura flooded out, causing everyone to feel as if they were at the center of a storm. All the alchemists here were shaking with fear.

The disciple continued to stand there looking silly. This was his first time seeing his master so angry with him, and he couldn't figure out what he did wrong.

“Bastard, don't just stand there frozen!” The monarch thunderously shouted.

The disciple was awakened by this shout. He calmed down and felt a chill inside. He understood what his master's severe demeanor meant at the moment. Even though he didn't know of his mistake, he was still aware that he was in trouble.

“This little brother was reckless and arrogant to have offended Young Noble, please punish me!” The disciple was a decisive person. He immediately prostrated on the ground and accepted his mistakes.

The monarch also quickly approached Li Qiye and apologized: “My disciple has eyes but couldn't see, a frog at the bottom of a well. To heinously offend Young Noble like this, please do as you please.”

The monarch personally apologizing to Li Qiye stunned all the young alchemists present. They were in complete disbelief! The monarch was a high-ranked figure of the Alchemy Kingdom, but

he was actually apologizing to a junior. This was simply too astonishing.

He was an incredible expert, a Heaven's Equal King! It could be said that beneath Virtuous Paragons, no one could stop him. As such a powerful Heavenly King, his status was much higher than any royal lord or sect master.

More importantly, he was highly valued by the imperial family of the kingdom. Not to mention ordinary Heavenly Kings or rulers, even those from imperial lineages would have to treat him with a certain level of respect!

But now, he actually apologized to a junior. Even the Cauldron Marquis or the sacred doctor would never be able to enjoy such treatment.

Li Qiye looked at the monarch and suddenly lost all of his enthusiasm and anger. He lazily waved his sleeve and said: "Very well, the unaware are sinless. Stand up."

"I am very grateful for Young Noble's magnanimity in my disciple's stead." The monarch quickly bowed. Meanwhile, how could his disciple dare to utter a word? He also quickly bowed.

After receiving Li Qiye's forgiveness, the monarch added with haste: "Young Noble's presence brings light to my humble dwelling, it is truly our honor. If Young Noble is willing to give us some face, please stay for a bit. This little monarch will do my best as a host and show Young Noble around Alchemy City."

The Observant Monarch's polite and respectful attitude left all the alchemists here silly. Even geniuses like the Cauldron Marquis were not qualified to enjoy such treatment.

Although the marquis and sacred doctor were famous among the younger generation and also praised as geniuses, the Observant Monarch was the leader of the monarchs at the Alchemy Kingdom. Even their masters, sect masters, and clan masters would have to treat the monarch with respect. As those of the younger generation, when would they ever be treated so cordially by the monarch?

Li Qiye was not very interested in the monarch's invitation. However, in the face of such polite and respectful treatment, even Li Qiye was unable to cause trouble. There was a great saying: one does not slap a smiling face.

Li Qiye shook his head and lightly said: "I will accept Observant Monarch's kind gesture. I heard the Serene Garden's Fairy Yuan is at your place, I am here to see her."

"Umm..." The monarch hesitated for a moment after hearing this.

The Cauldron Marquis took this chance to coldly speak: "Fairy Yuan is one of the four alchemy prodigies, the esteemed guest of all the sects in this world! How can you meet her whenever you wish? Countless lineages desire her presence, and countless alchemists will line up just to catch a glimpse of her. Hmph! She isn't someone

that you can see!”

Since Li Qiye killed so many people from his Radiant-Sea Sect, the marquis had an implacable feud with him. Earlier, he wanted to cause a rift between Li Qiye and the monarch so that the monarch would take care of Li Qiye. Who would have thought that the situation would reverse to this state? How could the marquis swallow this anger?

“Fairy Yuan!” An alchemist shouted at this time.

Everyone looked towards the direction of the voice and found a woman coming out from the main doors. It was a woman elegant like a lotus flower in a valley, unstained by this mundane world!

She was the Serene Garden’s descendant, one of the four contemporary alchemy prodigies, Yuan Caihe. All eyes immediately fell upon her the moment she arrived.

Chapter 735: Poisonous Wound

Yuan Caihe stood there like an elegant lotus away from water. Although her appearance was not kingdom-toppling, her gentle and calm temperament made people fall for her.

“Fairy Yuan!” Many alchemists were charmed after seeing her. She was the only girl among the four prodigies, so it could be said that she was the goddess in the minds of countless alchemists!

Yuan Caihe was coming their way. In just a short moment, many eyes were glued onto her. Even a genius like the marquis couldn't help but arch his chest gallantly in order to make himself more presentable.

Someone like the extremely arrogant sacred doctor was excited as well. He stood up straight with great confidence, wanting to spark a conversation with her: “Fairy Yuan...”

However, she only slightly nodded her head without pausing, drifting by the doctor. The marquis saw that she was walking towards his direction and became very happy. He thought that he had a chance.

Unfortunately, she continued walking like a gust of wind to appear before Li Qiye. She revealed a calm and leisured smile and spoke with a trace of joy in her voice: “Big Brother also came to the monarch's mansion.”

Li Qiye's mood brightened after seeing Yuan Caihe. He cheerfully

smiled and said: “I heard you were going to be here as a guest, so I especially came to see you.”

“Thank you, Big Brother...” Yuan Caihe revealed a pleasant smile with her always-peaceful demeanor.

After seeing Yuan Caihe’s temperament, the madam couldn’t help but sigh. It was no wonder why her Young Master would like Yuan Caihe so much. She was indeed favored by her Young Master!

Yuan Caihe pulled Li Qiye’s hand in a natural manner, like a gentle and comforting spring breeze.

Many young alchemists present were both envious and jealous at such an intimate scene, especially the Cauldron Marquis. He was flustered since earlier, he was teasing Li Qiye about not being able to see Yuan Caihe; this scene was simply a violent slap to his face!

Even the arrogant doctor felt annoyed and coldly scowled. As an alchemist, he naturally liked Yuan Caihe as well. Unfortunately, the beauty did not reciprocate this sentiment.

“Senior, your divine root is fine. In two more years, it will be able to bloom.” Yuan Caihe told the Observant Monarch.

After hearing this, the monarch heaved a sigh of relief. The worry that lingered in his heart was finally lifted as he quickly responded: “It is all because of Virtuous Niece that the root was able to be saved. You have to stay here at the mansion for a while

so that I, as a senior, can show you my best hospitality. Nothing would be better if Young Noble Li can stay as well. You should try to get him to stay.”

The monarch and the Serene Garden Master were the best of friends. When there was a problem with his divine root, he especially invited Sect Master Ren to come cure it. He didn't expect that the sect master was in seclusive cultivation, so Yuan Caihe came in her master's stead.

Yuan Caihe smiled and gently shook her head to say: “Senior is too kind, it was no trouble at all. I will be following my Big Brother for a bit and will not stay in the mansion for now.”

The monarch knew that he couldn't hold them back, so it would be awkward if he tried any further. He had to say: “If Virtuous Niece and Young Noble Li need anything, you can come to my mansion at any time.”

Yuan Caihe quickly thanked him and was about to leave with Li Qiye, but a disciple from the mansion barged in and exclaimed: “Master, not good, something happened to First Brother...!”

His face was pale and he spoke with grave urgency.

The monarch's expression quickly changed as he raised his tone: “What happened to make you so anxious?”

The First Brother referred to in this conversation was the

monarch's only son.

At this time, more than ten experts rushed into the room, carrying in a bloodied young man. In his chest was a hole so terrible that it seemed as if it had pierced it through completely.

Moreover, the ten experts were also stained with blood. They all had different levels of injuries, but theirs were merely flesh wounds!

“My son!” The monarch was aghast after seeing the young man being carried in. He quickly rushed over to check the wound on his son's chest, and his heart immediately sank.

The bloody hole on the young man's chest emitted blood of a black shade — completely horrifying to anyone who saw it!

The young man bellowed a pitiful cry at this time. There was no doubt that he was still alive, but he was being assaulted by the terrible poison. His body twisted with pain as if it wanted to break itself due to agony.

The monarch was saddened by this scene. He hastily took action and sealed his son's fate palace in order to protect his true fate. Despite doing so, the boy's body still emitted a black fog as if the poison was attacking again.

“What actually happened?” The monarch anxiously asked an expert who helped carry in the young man.

“Uncle, First Brother wanted to enter the Serpent Marsh to hunt some longevity beasts, but we were ambushed by a poisonous creature. We didn’t even see its shape before First Brother was seriously injured. If Senior Uncle didn’t arrive in time, I’m afraid we would have been completely annihilated!”

“This child...” The monarch was both angry and shocked as he exclaimed: “How could he be so reckless as to go to Alchemy City’s ominous ground!”

The city was vast. Although it was known as the capital, there were many dangerous areas within its territory. There were some that even Virtuous Paragons would not recklessly tread into.

The monarch noticed that the black fog was becoming thicker on his son’s body, so he immediately used one of his powerful laws to seal his son’s vitality and commanded his disciple: “Quick, go bring some Soulrending Immortal Powder!”

The expert holding the young man shook his head and said: “Uncle, when First Brother was wounded, we immediately used Soulrending Immortal Powder on his body, but there was not much effect. It could only temporarily stop the poison.”

The monarch was in distress after hearing this. Keep in mind that Soulrending Immortal Powder was a famous medicine in the Alchemy Kingdom, capable of treating any injury. If this powder was ineffective, then other ointments would be even more so.

“Monarch, I’m afraid your Young Noble is stricken with an extremely rare poison, so ointments will not be effective, not even Soulrending Immortal Powder.” The Devil Hand Sacred Doctor slowly spoke while standing at the side.

The monarch calmed down and looked at the sacred doctor. He finally remembered that this famous doctor’s medical skill could be considered top rank in the Stone Medicine World!

The monarch quickly cupped his hands towards the doctor and said: “Virtuous Nephew is the number one doctor in our time. My son’s life is hanging on a thread, please save him.”

The sacred doctor couldn’t help but reveal a proud smirk after a big shot like the monarch had to ask him for help. He looked around at everyone before coming closer to the young man on the ground and carefully observed his wound.

After a moment, he spoke: “Your Young Noble was ambushed by a Devil Pondleech. This creature has a body that resembles a serpent and is around four meters long. It is completely grey and headless, but it does have a mouth that can open up like a flower with sharp teeth. Its speed is lightning fast and can quickly sneak attack people, piercing through their chest, resulting in a swift death!”

“Yes, yes! The creature that attacked First Brother matches the doctor’s description.” The expert confirmed after hearing this.

“The Devil Pondleech’s poison is extremely fierce and can

instantly kill someone. If it wasn't for your young noble's high cultivation and the swift application of the powder, then I'm afraid he would not be alive right now. However, if this continues, his death is certain. He will not last another six hours!" The doctor raised his tone and said.

The frightened monarch quickly asked the doctor: "Can Virtuous Nephew cure this poison?"

The sacred doctor laughed proudly then ostentatiously said: "Monarch, although this leech might be very rare and extremely poisonous to the point where it can kill a Heavenly King, to me, this is not an issue at all. There is no ailment that I cannot heal in this world!"

After his preening declaration, he couldn't help but to look over at Yuan Caihe. He wanted to show off before the beauty so that she could witness his supreme medical skill!

Despite his great hubris, everyone knew that he was qualified to act in that manner due to his amazing medical ability!

"Virtuous Nephew, please save my son." The monarch couldn't contain his elation since there was finally a solution.

The doctor smiled arrogantly and said: "Monarch, saving your son isn't difficult. However, you should have heard of my habits; my price is not small."

The monarch merely took a deep breath, he had heard tales of the doctor before and was mentally prepared. He deepened his tone and said: “What does Virtuous Nephew want? As long as it is within my ability, I will do my best!”

“I heard Observant Monarch has a [Wish Scepter](#).” The doctor smiled and said: “I have heard of this treasure. Would you be willing to part with this item?”

Ruyi scepter, “as you wish”. A symbol of power and good fortune

This condition caused the monarch’s expression to change. He really had such a treasure, but it was very important to him.

He grew hesitant since this condition was too harsh. His Wish Scepter is extremely precious, an unfathomable artifact.

“Monarch, time does not wait for anyone.” The doctor coldly said: “The imperial family’s ancestors or a Legendary Alchemist can cure this poison, but can monarch wait until one of them comes to help!? If monarch delays the treatment, then I’m afraid your son will not be able to keep his life!”

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The monarch gritted his teeth and said: “Very well, if Virtuous Nephew can save my son, then my Wish Scepter will be yours!”

In order to save his son, the monarch had to give up his treasure. Although there were ancestors from the kingdom that could cure this poison, they were all buried underground. He couldn’t just meet them as he pleased. Even if an ancestor was willing to save his son, the delay might adversely affect the treatment.

“If Monarch is willing to trade the Wish Scepter for his life, then everything will be easy.” The sacred doctor said: “The Devil Pondleech’s poison affinity is Yin, and luckily, I also have the ashes of Heartspark Grass to stabilize the toxin and prevent it from spreading.”

Having said that, he took out a small box that contained ashes. People could sense a wave of heat assaulting their faces. It was apparent just how powerful the Yang affinity of this particular grass was.

All the alchemists watched the sacred doctor with bated breaths. Everyone knew that his medical skill was unmatched in this world, so they wanted to see him in action just once.

“This is the wrong approach.” When the sacred doctor wanted to apply the ashes of Heartspark Grass on the young man’s chest, a leisurely and calm voice appeared.

The doctor looked back; the speaker was, of course, Li Qiye whom he was especially annoyed with!

Li Qiye and the two ladies were about to leave, but they stopped after seeing the gravely wounded son of the monarch being carried in.

The always-arrogant doctor was proud of his medical ability. Although his conditions were very harsh, he had indeed saved many people near death. Many injuries that rendered even bigger sects helpless were healed by him. Thus, the sacred doctor never allowed people to question his art. Moreover, he already hated Li Qiye from the start, so after hearing his words, the doctor immediately coldly spoke: “Ignorant brat, what do you know! Don’t spew nonsense if you don’t understand medicine. Don’t think that just because of your trivial pill refinement skill that you truly understand the dao of alchemy! When it comes to the art of healing, you are not even comparable to a fart!”

Due to the existing enmity and Li Qiye questioning his skill, he immediately spared no face in his retort. In fact, he had never given anyone face before.

“Is that so?” Surprisingly, Li Qiye did not become angry like usual. He only revealed a smirk while saying: “Since you are so versed in medicine, I want to hear your opinion.”

The doctor smiled sarcastically before harshly responding: “Since a cricket like you wants to learn, then I’ll teach you a thing or two! Fairy Yuan is also an alchemy genius, so she must understand medicology as well. The leech’s poison is Yin; it’s ferocious and

spreads extremely quickly. Because of this, I will use the ashes of Heartspark Grass to stabilize the toxicity. This grass is of the Yang affinity — a great recovery tool. I used Samadhi True Fire to burn it into ashes, so its Yang affinity became even higher...

“It is extremely appropriate to combat the cold Yin poison with the ashes of this grass. After the toxicity level is reduced, I will open the injured person’s chest and use my exclusive technique to seal his true fate and flesh and force the poison out of the wound. When there is no poison leftover inside his body, I will use another unique strand of detoxifying sacred medicine to destroy any remnants...”

The doctor laughed proudly at this point before continuing with great hubris: “Many people think that a sacred detoxifying medicine would be able to cure all toxins, but this is not the case. Once a ferocious poison infiltrates the body, it won’t just spread throughout the physical self, it will also harm the true fate! Only by gathering the poison in one place through meticulous examination then using medicine to dissolve it would no problems be left behind — this is the best method!”

“For this method, outside of using a profound saber art to open the chest, it would require my secret poison removing art. As for the detoxifying medicine, of course it is the best. Only I, the Devil Hand Sacred Doctor, know all three of these things in the contemporary times!” The doctor was elated as he looked at Yuan Caihe with his head high and chest out.

He was usually not a talkative person, but when it came to medicine, he could go on and on. Moreover, he wanted to show off

to Yuan Caihe, so he deliberately flaunted his skill.

“I have little knowledge regarding actual medicinal applications...” Yuan Caihe contemplated for a moment before tilting her head and saying: “In theory, this method should work.”

“It is just theoretical.” Li Qiye smiled while shaking his head to say: “If you try to do this, I’m afraid that not only will you kill the injured, your own life will be forfeited as well.”

“How ignorant!” The doctor shouted: “I could easily cure an even more ferocious poison! Even the most soul-ending poison in the Alchemy Realm would be no problem, let alone this Devil Pondleech! If you don’t understand medicine, then don’t stand here and spout frightening words to scare people!”

“Someone like you wants to speak of medicine with Brother Sacred Doctor?” At this time, the marquis helped out the doctor. How could he miss this chance of kicking someone who was already down? He sneered: “Brother Sacred Doctor’s medicinal ability is unmatched in this world. You’re just a junior yet you still dare to comment on his ability now of all times?! How pitifully ignorant! Regarding the way of medicines, you are not even worthy of holding his shoes!”

No matter what, he would obtain vengeance for the Radiant-Sea Sect. Even if he couldn’t kill Li Qiye right now, he would still do his best to humiliate him!

“Marquis is right.” Another young alchemist wouldn’t miss this

opportunity for flattery and sneered: “A few ignorant people want to boast and debate medicine with the sacred doctor, but this is simply teaching a fish how to swim!”

It was rare for such a good opportunity to arise, so the sacred doctor just had to show his matchless medicinal skill before Yuan Caihe and humiliate Li Qiye. Thus, he snorted and told the monarch: “Monarch, when I am detoxifying the poison, I need complete concentration. If some dumb things buzz around my ear, I won’t be able to focus. If a mistake happens, then I won’t be able to guarantee anything. If Monarch wants your Young Noble to recover, then please tell these stupid things to shut up for me!”

This was his favorite thing to do, putting on an imposing and aggressive attitude to shame others.

The Observant Monarch was powerless. His son’s life was in the sacred doctor’s hands, so he quickly cupped his fists towards Li Qiye and said: “Young Noble Li, harmony is to be treasured... Let’s take a step back and bask in the immensity of the heaven and earth, please don’t argue any longer.”

Li Qiye stared at the monarch and only gently shook his head to say: “If Monarch is so sure, then I won’t say anything else.”

The sacred doctor snorted and arrogantly said: “Monarch, don’t worry. I will save your son in no time at all.”

With that, he slowly placed the ashes on the young man’s chest wound.

“Szzzz...” The moment the ashes fell on the wound, it began to dissolve the toxin. The black energy that was initially coming from the wound turned into a green smoke.

“It’s working. The sacred doctor’s skill is truly unmatched in this world and worthy of his reputation. Only a few ignorant fools would question him!” After seeing this scene, a young alchemist exclaimed in amazement.

The doctor was basking in this glory. He smiled proudly with utmost confidence in his medicinal skill. Even if his pill refining ability was not as great as his senior brother, the White Hair Alchemy God, no one in the current era could compare to his medicinal skill!

“Ah?” However, the doctor’s expression suddenly froze. In the blink of an eye, a black ray flashed by at an unbelievable speed. Even an expert like the Observant Monarch could only see its shadow and couldn’t make out what it actually was.

At this time, the doctor still wore a gloating smile, but a small hole had been drilled into his forehead. A tiny strand of blood dripped down from it as his body tensed up before falling to the ground.

This development came too quickly. Many people had yet to calm down, and once they did, nearly all of them quickly retreated and maintained their distance. No one dared to come close.

Even the monarch was aghast and exclaimed: “What happened!” He gasped after seeing the doctor on the ground. Even a Heaven’s Equal King like him didn’t know what killed the doctor by drilling the very small hole on his forehead.

“Oh god...” An alchemist couldn’t contain his scream of horror. He was pale with trembling legs.

As a genius alchemist, Yuan Caihe instantly realized something and said with surprise: “There is something in his body!”

“Ahh...” The young man lying there bellowed. His body tensed up again as if it was about to snap in half. One could hear the sounds of bones grinding together, seemingly on the verge of breaking. The young man rolled back and forth, writhing with pain!

“My son!” The monarch was horrified. He immediately used his power to seal the young man’s body to relieve his pain! However, the effect was not clear.

“You didn’t listen to me, so you have to suffer like this.” Li Qiye looked at the doctor on the ground and said dismissively: “You can only blame your lack of skill for your death, but now you are also bringing someone else down with you. What a sin.”

Everyone present felt a chill. No one knew how the doctor died or what the thing inside the young man’s body was!

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“Ahh...” The young man’s pitiful scream echoed all the way to the blue sky. His body was about to twist in half, starting with his spine. His entire body was in an agonizing pain.

Although his true fate was stained by the poison, he still had some reason and shrilly exclaimed: “Father, send me off!”

“No, my son, you have to hold on!” The monarch was distraught and quickly said: “I will find someone to cure this poison.”

“Senior, someone capable is right in front of you, why do you still want to search?” The kind Yuan Caihe saw the young man no longer wanting to live from the pain, so she reminded the monarch.

The monarch lifted his head to look at Yuan Caihe. After a split second, he immediately understood who she was referring to. He quickly stood up and cupped his hands towards Li Qiye: “Young Noble Li, this little monarch has eyes but might as well be blind. I offended you earlier, please forgive me. As long as Young Noble can save my son, you can strike or kill me if you like.”

“Monarch said too much.” Li Qiye gently shook his head and said: “I have no grievance against you, so why would I want to hit or kill you? Besides, curing is not my area of expertise.”

The monarch was at a loss after hearing this, but he had no other plan at this moment. He couldn’t help but send a glance towards

Yuan Caihe as a call for help.

Ultimately, she was too kind. She gently asked Li Qiye: “Big Brother, you have a kind heart, so save the young monarch.”

“Caihe’s words are wrong. I have never had a kind heart, I am someone who kills without batting an eye.” Li Qiye shook his head and smiled. He gently stroke her hair and continued: “However, since you asked, how could I not help him?”

“I knew that Big Brother will not let someone die without helping.” Yuan Caihe smiled softly. Although her smile was not kingdom-toppling, her gentle and tranquil temperament was so beautiful that it made her seem as if she could resolve everything.

Li Qiye stepped forward and took a fang out from the young man’s wound. He threw it on the ground and lightly said: “It is true that he was ambushed by a Devil Pondleech. Its poison can indeed be fatal, but this is not the most deadly part of this matter. In fact, he will not die right now despite the vicious poison of the leech.”

“Why is that?” The monarch had to ask: “If its poison can’t kill my son, then why is he in such pain right now?”

“Normally, this poison definitely can kill him, but right now there is something inside of him that does not wish for his death.” Li Qiye answered: “It wants to use your son’s body as a breeding ground, as a host! Even if the leech’s poison is rampaging throughout his body, that thing will still let him live on.”

“What, what is it?” The monarch felt creeped out after hearing this. He could already imagine his son’s agony if he had to live like this from now on.

“It is a Leech Maggot.” Li Qiye said: “An extremely rare parasitic monster, even rarer than the Devil Pondleech. Normally, it will live inside the Devil Pondleech’s poisonous fangs and feed on the toxin there. However, when the maggot wants to lay eggs, it will control the pondleech to attack prey!”

“And this prey has to be a powerful creature. For example, a strong cultivator, a longevity spirit, or a heavenly beast!” Li Qiye continued: “This is because the maggot requires both the poison of the leech and the essence of the powerful prey to hatch its eggs! After the leech attacks, the maggot will instantly push all the poison from the leech’s fangs into the prey and climb inside as well. Because of this, after the venom runs out, the fang will also fall out, stuck in the prey’s body!”

Here, Li Qiye glanced at the fang on the ground and said: “Very few pondleeches carry this type of parasite. Only a quack would think that the fatal wound came from the leech’s poison. In fact, even without curing this particular toxin, the maggot will eventually devour it completely. After it finishes absorbing this toxin and the new host’s vitality, the egg can hatch at any time, and that moment will signal the demise of the host!”

“Of course, before the end, the host will definitely suffer the most painful experience in their life and will wish for death!” Li Qiye said: “Therefore, after being marked by this particular

maggot, many hosts choose to end their lives early.”

After listening to Li Qiye, the monarch felt creeps running down his spine. This parasite’s method of murder was simply too horrifying! The knowledgeable monarch had waded through countless storms and had broad horizons, but he had never heard of this Leech Maggot before.

“How do we help him right now then?” The monarch anxiously said: “Do we need to open his chest to reach his palace, or do we completely cleanse his flesh? If Young Noble can cleanse the poison in his true fate, then my son can let go of his physical body! As long as the true fate is fine, I can help him rebuild his body.”

“There is no need to be so serious and open his chest and palace.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Those are just the practices of quacks. A real alchemist would use their own heavenly cauldron — this is their most important tool. A monster like this Leech Maggot isn’t really that ferocious and can be easily dealt with. If we have to open his palace just to deal with this maggot, then once we meet a true poisonous fiend, would we have to destroy his true fate as well?”

The monarch quickly prostrated to the ground and voiced his request: “Young Noble, please save my son, this little monarch will be forever grateful...”

Li Qiye lightly said: “Please stand up. Caihe had asked me, so I will save his life.”

Having said that, he summoned the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron and assumed control. One could only see strands of cauldron flames falling into Li Qiye's hand. He then placed his hand on the young man's chest. It was as if these fiery strands had their own consciousness as they delved into the young man's body!

In the blink of an eye, the young man's body was lit up like a transparent lantern. Under the illumination of the fiery strands, one could easily see everything inside, including his muscles and bones.

Although the fire had invaded the young man, it didn't hurt him in the slightest. The strands entered his body in such a natural and unbelievable manner.

"This, this can't be real!" Many alchemists present were astounded by the scene unraveling before their eyes since they couldn't fathom this reality.

Everyone knew that the fire source of a cauldron was formed after devouring many different species of fire. Each cauldron fire was different, but one thing was certain: to be able to refine pills, their power had to be absolutely amazing.

But at this second, Li Qiye was able to control the flame and made it enter the body of a living person without damaging them at all. This was extremely fantastical and shouldn't be possible in real life.

Even the young alchemists who were annoyed with Li Qiye were

left dumbfounded and reckoned that this mastery of fire was unique in this world.

After seeing this, the Cauldron Marquis' expression became very unsightly. Outside of shock, he was also extremely jealous. He was called the Cauldron Marquis because he was adept at controlling his cauldron, but he simply didn't know a technique like Li Qiye's. Even if he was to be taught, he wouldn't be able to replicate this level of skill. This was indeed the highest level of cauldron control!

Under the light of the fiery strands, the Leech Maggot in the young man's body was finally exposed. It was hiding in a corner of the body. After being illuminated by the fire, it let out a ferocious scream. Even though it was as thin as a strand of silk, it was still very creepy-looking.

In an instant after detecting the maggot, the fiery strands near it turned into universal laws. These strands instantly locked the maggot. Everyone could hear a clanking sound as the maggot was pulled out of the young man's body by the fire.

“Xshhhh...” The maggot frantically struggled to escape the fiery strands with its astonishing speed. Many people quivered after seeing the ferocity of this maggot that was as thin as a strand of hair. They could already imagine how terrible it would be if this maggot was inside their own body.

“Boom!” In this moment, the fiery strands locking the maggot turned into the most overbearing flame in this world. With a little sizzle, it instantly incinerated this maggot, leaving behind nothing but ashes.

After seeing the removal of the maggot, the monarch took a deep sigh of relief. However, he couldn't help but ask after seeing the poisonous air that still remained: "Young Noble Li, what about the poison of the leech inside my son?"

"This is even simpler." Li Qiye controlled the cauldron and smiled before fueling the fire once more.

The remaining fiery strands inside the young man's body ignited again. In the blink of an eye, his body caught on fire as if it was being cremated.

Out of fear for his son's safety, the monarch had to ask: "Young Noble, will my son be okay?"

Li Qiye calmly replied: "Don't worry, this is only burning the poison. He won't be harmed in the slightest."

Within the burning fire, the young man's body began to emit green smoke. Plumes of green smoke came out and eventually dispersed. After a while, it completely dissipated.

Afterward, these fiery strands receded from his body like a tide. The young man's vitality seemed to be restored as his face became pink again.

Li Qiye recalled the cauldron and said: "Good, it's now up to you. The wound on his chest can be cured by your kingdom's

Soulrending Immortal Powder.”

After seeing his son’s complexion brightening up after the poison went away, the monarch rejoiced and shouted: “Quick, go get the powder and apply it on your First Brother.”

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After the powder was applied, the chest wound closed up very quickly and a scab started to form. This powder was indeed worthy of being the supreme ointment from the Alchemy Kingdom.

His son's complexion started to look better, so the monarch was relieved. He prostrated on the ground and said: "Young Noble's medical ability must be supreme in this world. Your dao of alchemy is profound with no rivals. Your control of fire is also unique in this world. You saved my son's life, so if you ever need this little monarch in the future, just say the word."

All of a sudden, everyone in the yard became silent. The monarch's words were not mere flattery. All had eyes and saw that whether it was Li Qiye's medical ability or his fire control, his skills could only be described as astonishing. Even the Marquis Cauldron who was known as a genius was very jealous and full of hate.

There were also some envious alchemists. Li Qiye was able to save the monarch's son, meaning that he had tied a knot of friendship with him. Since the monarch was a royal subject valued by the imperial family, this was equivalent to gaining a powerful backer.

Li Qiye was very relaxed after being thanked by the monarch. He leisurely said: "If Monarch wants to thank someone, then thank Caihe."

To him, befriending the monarch or gaining a powerful backer like the kingdom didn't matter. He only saved the monarch's son because of Yuan Caihe's simple request.

The monarch quickly showed his gratitude towards Yuan Caihe. She didn't want to accept a big gesture, but nevertheless, the monarch still bowed towards her.

At this time, Li Qiye glanced over at the young alchemists present and said: "Only a fool would worship a quack as an expert! A group of fools is not qualified to debate medicine and the dao of alchemy with me!"

Those who made fun of Li Qiye earlier felt their faces burning. They had all been flattering the sacred doctor while belittling Li Qiye at the same time. But look at it now, the doctor's cold body was on the ground while Li Qiye saved the monarch's son. This was a resounding slap to their faces!

Li Qiye had never given any consideration to those who provoked him. Him mocking them was already mild enough. This was because of Yuan Caihe's presence, greatly improving his mood. Otherwise, he would have slapped them flying away.

After saving the monarch's son, Li Qiye didn't want to stay at the mansion and rejected the enthusiastic invitation from the monarch. After leaving, he smiled and said: "I was surprised to see you coming to Alchemy City."

The madam nearby was moved. Yuan Caihe indeed had a strong

influence on her Young Master. His emotions were normally unreadable, but now, his great mood was plain for all to see, caused by her presence.

She also admitted that a gentle and elegant girl like Yuan Caihe was indeed very likable. Although she was not as peerlessly beautiful as Ming Yexue, she gave a comfortable and natural feeling. Anyone, when together with her, would be very relaxed.

“Senior Observant’s divine root was near death. He invited my master to help, but my master was in a very important stage in his cultivation and couldn’t leave. I had no choice but to go in my master’s stead.” Yuan Caihe calmly said: “Since I’m already here, I will cheer Big Brother on. Your participation will make this conference become a legend.”

“I’m just playing around.” Li Qiye said with a smile: “But since you said it will be a legend, then so be it.”

Yuan Caihe chuckled in response. She had confidence in him.

After coming back to the mountain that Li Qiye was staying at, there were even more poisonous creatures in the courtyard. Yuan Caihe, as one of the four alchemy prodigies, exclaimed with surprise: “I didn’t expect Big Brother to be versed in taming poisonous creatures as well!”

She carefully looked at each of the creatures lured here and was startled by some of them.

“Just a little pastime of mine.” Li Qiye smilingly said: “It’s fortunate that this is Alchemy City. Despite being called a city, among its vast lands, there are many ominous and dangerous locations with these kinds of creatures. It wouldn’t be easy to attract so many if we were in a different location.”

“Big Brother wants to use them to deal with an enemy?” She asked while looking at the creatures.

Although she was a kind and non-competitive person, she also had a keen heart. She knew that Li Qiye didn’t want them as pets, so there was only one other explanation — to use them against a powerful enemy.

“Just for fun.” Li Qiye said: “The enemies aren’t important. Killing and killing even more becomes a bit boring, so I want to try something new.”

Yuan Caihe could only shake her head and lament the fate of whoever was recklessly running towards the spear tip and courting death.

Although she was staying with Li Qiye, Li Qiye spent very little time with her. He was either cultivating behind closed doors or playing around with some things that Madam Zi Yan didn’t understand. Only Yuan Caihe watched him avidly.

In the next few days, Li Qiye sometimes attracted more poisonous creatures or prospected the land to glimpse into the mysteries within using profound methods. The madam couldn’t

see through what he was doing.

His methods often had to do with the dao of alchemy. As one of the four prodigies, Yuan Caihe finally saw some clues and startlingly revealed: “Big Brother is preparing for something big. Such a heaven-defying method could only be withstood by an enemy like the Alchemy Kingdom. Someone from the younger generation would not be able to handle even a single strike.”

Li Qiye only smiled and didn’t respond to her comment, and she stopped speaking as well.

The date of the alchemy conference grew near. More and more youths from the world ran to the city, accompanied by the seniors from their sects. From this, the city didn’t only have the presence of many sects, but also countless experts.

As the crowd waited eagerly, one of the two prime candidates finally appeared.

“Cao Guoyao is here!” No one knew who sent out this information, but it did create quite a stir in the kingdom. Many people, including geniuses of the younger generation, came to see his arrival as he was one of the four alchemy prodigies.

Cao Guoyao looked around the age of twenty and had a rather square face. Although his appearance was not outstanding, the aura around him made it seem as if an immortal medicine would emerge at any time like the roar of a dragon grass. He was holding onto a cauldron; although it was still closed, it gave the feeling that

it could scorch the entire world.

In this manner, he appeared to be a deity with mastery over his cauldron, entering the sceneries of the nine worlds and dyeing the spirit medicines and grasses that could be found. There was a very extraordinary air about him.

He came alone without any accompanying experts. There was no divine chariot either, but there were four huge entities by his side that were as cold as ice. These demonic entities seemed to be made from steel and resembled mantises or demon monarchs. Beings like these that didn't have their own vitality rarely appeared; they were more akin to four black statues. Anyone would quiver with fear after seeing these four huge entities accompanying him.

Cao Guoyao came from the State of Cao, an alchemy lineage from an Alchemy Emperor. It produced many famous alchemists and could be considered one of the strongest alchemy lineages in the Stone Medicine World.

Although it was not known for its cultivation, as an alchemy lineage, many sects were willing to befriend it. Because of this, many from the younger generation and experts from the older generation went out of the city to greet him.

To have such a grand reception was not only because of the lineage he hailed from. More importantly, the crowd, especially the youths, wanted to establish good relations with Cao Guoyao.

The reason was very simple: his fate pill refinement skill could be

considered one of the best in the present times! Fate pills were the most valued items for cultivators as they could increase their cultivation and strengthen their foundation.

In this world, countless cultivators that wanted a sudden boost of power craved a large quantity of fate pills so that their cultivation could exceed others in a short period of time.

Thus, the fate pills refined by Cao Guoyao were considered the best treasures in the minds of many cultivators. Due to this, those of the younger generation, especially geniuses who strived for the Heaven's Will to become the emperor, were more than happy to have ties with him.

“Brother Cao, you must be tired from traveling. We have prepared a feast just for you.” There were many main descendants and princesses at his reception. Even rulers from the great powers could be found present.

Cao Guoyao nodded his head and said after seeing the reception: “Then I will be imposing on everyone.”

In an instant, he became the moon surrounded by the stars as he entered the city, leading to even more spectators on the sidelines.

A spectator emotionally exclaimed after seeing him: “One of the four prodigies has arrived. This time, if Cao Guoyao doesn't win, then the White Hair Alchemy God will win!”

Chapter 739: White Hair Alchemy God

There was also an expert who saw the cold statues made of steel next to Cao Guoyao and apprehensively said: “These four giants are the Divine Steeldemons that rampaged in the Beast Realm for a generation. So such brutal creatures were actually tamed by Cao Guoyao.”

“Outsiders might not know that Cao Guoyao is not only skilled at fate pill refinement, his poison taming skill is also quite brilliant.” A sect master from the Beast Realm explained: “Rumor has it that one thousand years ago, the State of Cao used a supreme dao of alchemy manual to trade for the Insect Swarm Valley’s poison insect taming manual. Although it was not a complete manual, rumor has it that this particular chapter was the essence of the art.”

Someone said in astonishment: “So he cultivates the insect taming art from the valley, no wonder why he can tame even the Divine Steeldemons...”

The Insect Swarm Valley was famous in this world. It was also an alchemy lineage, but it was different from the others. They were not versed in pill refinement or medicinal concoctions. Instead, they were masters of poisons and growing insects and other ferocious creatures. It was created by Immortal Emperor Bai Zhong. Although it was one of the strongest lineages, its disciples rarely showed their faces.

While Cao Guoyao had just entered Alchemy City and caused quite a stir, another genius alchemist came. It was the White Hair

Alchemy God; his fame could only be greater than Cao Guoyao and not less.

“The White Hair Alchemy God is here!” Many people didn’t even need to look before knowing who had arrived since a mighty and boundless blood energy swept through the city.

This vitality was as boundless as a sea, but this great aura did not come from the white hair alchemist. At this time, many experts from the previous generation, including the leaders of sects and countries, appeared outside of the city. Even some old undyings who didn’t want to show themselves came out at this time to give their greetings.

“Even the Ye Clan’s ancestor came out to greet the White Hair Alchemy God, amazing!” Many people were frightened after seeing so many grand characters from the previous generation coming out to greet the alchemist.

Those who didn’t know about the situation would think that a legendary master or a mythical God-Monarch had arrived. In actuality, it was only a young alchemist. How unfathomable was it for such a youth to have such a grand reception?

Anyone would retreat when this powerful crowd stood outside of the city. With his white robe and tall stature, the white hair alchemist was much more handsome than Cao Guoyao. He appeared to be even more of a swan among a flock of chickens.

His most outstanding feature was neither his good looks nor his

excellent temperament, it was his hair that was as smooth and black as jade. The combination of his waterfall-like hair and shawl garnered a lot of attention. It made his proud aura even more apparent.

A few people were confused since they didn't know the reason and had to ask: "The White Hair Alchemy God's hair is as black as obsidian, so why is it that he is called white hair?"

"There are two explanations regarding this." A big shot from the Stone Realm patiently explained: "The first is that when he was young, he already revealed his peerless talent for the dao of alchemy. At the age of three, he began to study the alchemy scripture left behind by the Great Refinement Alchemy Emperor. At eleven, he was well-versed in the dao of alchemy...

"Because he was too focused on his studies and expended too much blood energy and vitality, his hair began to gray out during his childhood. However, on the day he became accomplished in the dao of alchemy, he refined a medicine for himself. Within one night, his white hair became as black as jade — a very impressive task!" Having said this, he couldn't help but glance at the alchemist's smooth and black hair once more.

In fact, no matter where he went, his black hair would attract many gazes. It was even prettier than that of the opposite sex. Perhaps no girls in this world had hair comparable to the white hair alchemist's!

The person who didn't know the reason lost himself in the explanation and immediately asked: "What about the other

theory?”

“The other explanation has to do with the meaning of longevity medicines.” The big shot continued: “Longevity medicines are used to increase one’s lifespan. This means that after using it, white hair would turn black overnight. People considered the white hair alchemist to have the best longevity medicine refinement in this world, so many great characters from the previous generation beseeched him for his medicine. Even those who were near death and had gray hair would immediately have their hair revert to black overnight after using his medicine!”

Either speculation symbolized the peerlessness of the white hair alchemist’s great longevity medicine refinement skill. Because of this reason, many big shots from the previous generation were willing to befriend him!

Among the four prodigies, Cao Guoyao was versed in fate pills while the white hair alchemist specialized in longevity medicines!

For experts from the previous generations, especially those near their death, what were they most afraid of? It was not a powerful enemy nor a stagnated cultivation, but death!

Many grand characters in their old age became especially frightened of the day when their life would wither completely. Because of this, for millions upon millions of years now, countless ancestors would pay unbelievable sums for longevity medicines and immortal grasses that could prolong their life! Some didn’t mind the suffering of being trapped in a Blood Era Stone underground.

Longevity medicines had always been precious. The higher the level, the more sought after it would be. Moreover, alchemists who could create high level longevity medicines were quite rare. As long as they were capable of refining these medicines, there was no fear of their products being unsold!

One can easily imagine it; since the white hair alchemist's skill was considered top-ranked in this world, countless ancestors lusted for his products! To him, he could sell his medicines to whichever characters he fancied — this all depended on his mood!

In the Stone Medicine World, even the most wealthy expert might not be able to buy longevity medicines from the white hair alchemist! Because of this, these old characters were willing to give up their pride and make ties with him!

His position in this world was high to the point that at his call, many big shots would come running and support him! Very few people could enjoy such a grand reception like he did today.

“Brother Bailian, it must have been a long journey, but you are finally here.” An old royal lord came out of the city and quickly cupped his hands together to greet him respectfully.

The white hair alchemist came from the Bailian Clan, so many big shots didn't mind lowering themselves and calling him “brother” to befriend him.

Despite receiving the greetings of so many big shots, the white

hair alchemist's expression was still quite aloof and arrogant. He had already grown used to such events.

Their group boldly entered Alchemy City as their blood energies raged like torrential storms. Anyone would retreat in front of such a group. This was even more prestigious than Cao Guoyao's showing!

"Every alchemist should try to be like the White Hair Alchemy God!" Many alchemists were envious at such treatment. He was the star in their minds, a goal to strive towards. Countless alchemists worked their entire lives in order to become famous and be worshipped by the masses!

With Cao Guoyao and the white hair alchemist creating an uproar in the city, Li Qiye should have been inconspicuous in his desolate dwelling. However, someone actually came to see him.

"Young Master, the Cloud Soaring Venerable is here to visit you." Madam Zi Yan informed Li Qiye.

Li Qiye shook his head and said: "Cloud Soaring Venerable? Never heard of him." This was not surprising at all. Essentially, he had never heard nor cared about the big shots of the Stone Medicine World.

"The Cloud Soaring Venerable is an adviser under Ye Qingcheng. People call him Ye Qingcheng's right hand man. Many of Ye Qingcheng's strategies come from the venerable." Madam Zi Yan explained.

“Someone under Ye Qingcheng?” Li Qiye smiled and said: “His adviser is coming to visit... A bit interesting...”

Ever since he arrived at the Stone Medicine World, Ye Qingcheng was the person brought up the most!

The madam knew that her Young Master was unaware of many big characters in this world, so she introduced him: “The venerable was not famous because of Ye Qingcheng. He was already renowned as a cultivator with great talents. Unfortunately, he was born during the Difficult Dao Era and stopped at the Heavenly King realm. Recently, he became an amazing Heaven’s Equal Heavenly King! Moreover, he is quite skilled at strategizing. His sect had swept over the Stone Realm for a period of time.

“However, after Ye Qingcheng appeared, he brought his disciples and experts to join Ye Qingcheng to work under him. Ye Qingcheng also holds him in high regard. While he traveled the world, many alliances with Ye Qingcheng were formed due to the venerable’s meritable contributions.”

The madam reminded him at this point: “Young Master, you have to be wary of this man. He is adept at schemes, so if we are not careful, we will fall into his trap.”

Li Qiye laughed and shook his head to say: “Oh, Zi Yan. Nowadays, those who can dig a hole for me to jump in have yet to be born.” For tens of millions of years, he was the master schemer. It was already nice of him to not trick other people, so when was it

the turn for other people to trick him?

“Will Young Noble see him?” Madam Zi Yan said: “If not, I can go send him away.”

“We’ll see him, of course.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “I’d like to see what he is trying to plan! Let him in so that others can’t criticize us for our late reception.” Having said that, his eyes narrowed.

Chapter 740: Cloud Soaring Venerable

Under the madam's lead, the Cloud Soaring Venerable came in. Moreover, he was not the only person. Behind him was the White Cloud Master who hung his head low.

The venerable had a middle-aged appearance along with an elegant air, making people think that he was born a noble. However, he had a pair of fierce eyes, so it was apparent that he was an unfathomable character.

Don't be fooled by his outward appearance and gallant temperament, he was actually a centipede demon that had access to extremely ruthless methods.

He came in and immediately cupped his hands towards Li Qiye in a very polite and even respectful manner before saying: "Your great fame resounds like thunder, I have been an admirer for a long time."

Although he was still relatively young, the venerable was already a very powerful Heaven's Equal King — the peak of this realm. Outside of the old undyings that had already been famous before the Difficult Dao Era, very few characters in the same generation as him were stronger. Because of this, he was strong enough to create his own sect.

He already had a great status in the Stone Medicine World, but his position only became prevalent after joining Ye Qingcheng. Everyone knew that if Ye Qingcheng became the Immortal

Emperor in the future, then the venerable would be a founder and perhaps would be bestowed the title of being the most meritorious contributor!

In the Stone Medicine World, many sects and imperial lineages treated the venerable with great courtesy. Even if he wasn't greatly valued by Ye Qingcheng, his power as a Heaven's Equal King alone was enough to win respect.

However, not to mention a Heaven's Equal King, even a legendary eternal existence wouldn't be able to move Li Qiye. He said lightly: "Have a seat."

While the venerable took a seat, the White Cloud Master quickly rushed forward and prostrated on the ground without daring to lift his head for the time being.

Li Qiye looked at the prostrating master and asked the Cloud Soaring Venerable: "What is the meaning of this?"

The Cloud Soaring Venerable responded humbly: "The White Cloud Master is here to apologize to Young Noble. He was imperious and used our Young Noble Ye's name to act as he pleased. This was ruining our Young Noble's reputation, so he is especially here to ask for forgiveness. Young Noble Li can deal with him as you wish."

Whether this idea was from Ye Qingcheng or the Cloud Soaring Venerable, it was quite a formidable attempt. The White Cloud Master was the leader of a sect. Although it was far from an

imperial lineage, it was still a first-rate sect, even if it barely met the criteria. But today, the master willingly prostrated before Li Qiye and acquiesced to his whims.

Prostrating to anyone was a great humiliation to any accomplished cultivator. There was a creed: one can be killed but not shamed. However, either Ye Qingcheng or the Cloud Soaring Venerable was able to make white cloud obediently come to confess — this was indeed a very frightening feat.

Li Qiye was too lazy to care, so he replied: “It seems that your play isn’t too bad. This is indeed a bit impressive, no wonder why your master, Ye Qingcheng, has so much support from others.”

“Young Noble Li, you are misunderstanding us. We are here to sincerely beg for your forgiveness.” The Cloud Soaring Venerable hurriedly said: “Our master is willing to befriend the heroes in this world and to work—”

“Okay, I don’t have time to listen to this crap, and I also don’t have any interest in taking it out on this cannon fodder. If you wish to apologize, then let Ye Qingcheng come himself. As for someone like the White Cloud Master, step to the side and don’t waste my time!” Li Qiye interrupted the venerable and waved his sleeve dismissively.

This type of showing might be able to impress others, but it was only a joke in Li Qiye’s eyes. A psychological scheme of this level was a common day occurrence when he stood above the nine heavens.

The Cloud Soaring Venerable hesitated for a moment, but he quickly reacted and commanded the White Cloud Master: “Master, Young Noble Li is forgiving and kind, so he forgave your sin. Show your gratitude.”

The White Cloud Master didn’t dare to demur and bowed his head to Li Qiye three times. He then quietly retired to the back. From beginning to end, he didn’t say a single word. This was enough to show the great ability of either Ye Qingcheng or the venerable!

Li Qiye was not cordial and dryly said: “Okay, the play is over. I don’t have time to waste with you, so state your business.”

The venerable hurriedly responded: “I heard Young Noble Li is attending this conference. Because of this, outside of the White Cloud Master’s apology, I’m here for something relating to this matter.”

“And?” Li Qiye said idly while looking at the venerable.

The response was very respectful: “Although I haven’t seen Young Noble Li’s pill refining skill with my own eyes, I have heard that it was akin to cooking. I trust that Young Noble Li’s supreme dao of alchemy will be able to shine at this conference.”

“And then what?” At this time, Li Qiye revealed a rare chuckle.

The venerable said: “Geniuses will gather at this conference, so it will be quite an event. Regardless, I’m afraid no one will be able to enter Young Noble’s eyes outside of the four prodigies.”

Li Qiye raised his brows and dryly said: “Use words, stop beating around the bush. My patience is limited.”

The venerable did not become angry and said: “Young Noble Li’s greatest opponents will be Cao Guoyao and the White Hair Alchemy God. Rumor has it that both of them are already Legendary Alchemists with exquisite dao of alchemy...”

“... Our master is also extremely confident in Young Noble Li’s dao of alchemy; however, both of them are fortunate enough to come from the lineages of Alchemy Emperors. Our master is willing to lend Young Noble a hand so that you will win first place this time.” The venerable spoke slowly. His words were quite moving and capable of tempting the heart.

Li Qiye couldn’t help but laugh then say: “Oh? How does Ye Qingcheng want to help me?”

The venerable continued: “Young Noble Li’s dao of alchemy is peerless, so our master cannot help you in this regard. However, our master has a cauldron left behind by an Alchemy Emperor. This is a cauldron used by the emperor throughout his entire life; it is very gentle and easy to use. Since our master is neither an alchemist nor interested in the dao of alchemy, our master would like to hand the cauldron to the virtuous if Young Noble is willing.”

“There is a great saying, a treasure sword for the heroes and rouge for the beauties. Only Young Noble Li is qualified to have such a great cauldron from an Alchemy Emperor.” The venerable spoke calmly; anyone else would be quite tempted.

Li Qiye grinned and inquired: “What is your master’s condition?”

The venerable shook his head and said: “Young Noble Li is mistaken. To talk about conditions with a hero like Young Noble Li is too crude. Our master only wants to befriend Young Noble. If Young Noble is willing to give us face, then come be a guest at the Stony Edge Kingdom. Our master will be the best host for Young Noble.”

If any alchemist heard such words, they would be ecstatic. In the Stone Medicine World, countless youths were willing to befriend Ye Qingcheng. Being acquainted with such a famous man would be a tremendous honor.

And for alchemists, the cauldron of an Alchemy Emperor was a magnificent and priceless symbol, something they would definitely cherish in their hearts. Countless alchemists’ lives had ended without ever obtaining one.

But now, Ye Qingcheng was willing to hand a cauldron of this level over to Li Qiye and befriend him. This was more than any alchemist could wish for!

Li Qiye looked at the venerable and smiled before speaking: “I am

someone who is also very willing to make friends. However, making friends is not about letting someone else do the talking. If he wants to befriend me, then let him come personally. As for the cauldron, I'm not interested. As long as I participate, I will naturally be number one at the conference!"

The venerable quickly said: "It is great that Young Noble Li has such confidence..."

Li Qiye lightly shook his sleeve to interrupt him and coldly stated: "Please leave, I am tired."

The venerable was a sensible man. He did not become angry and instead smilingly said: "Please have a good rest. I will come back another day."

After sending the venerable away, the madam softly asked: "What does Young Noble think the venerable was here for?"

"[A weasel trying to offer the chicken new year's greetings](#). There were no good intentions here." Li Qiye responded with a smirk.

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts

The madam said: "Ye Qingcheng is purposely trying to recruit you. He is known for gathering capable people. His circle is wide and rumored to have many experts from all over the world."

Li Qiye smiled and said: "My Zi Yan, if I were him and had ambitions of reaching Immortal Emperor, then I would also use all

of my ability to recruit an unfathomable alchemist. Think about it, if you wanted to become the Immortal Emperor, just imagine how arduous this path would be. Nothing could be better than to have many great characters as your dao protectors, especially the old geezers on their deathbeds. These are the ones who can wipe out the obstacles on his path towards the throne.”

“So Ye Qingcheng needs alchemists.” The madam was not foolish, so she understood right away.

Li Qiye nodded and said: “Yes, an unfathomable alchemist should be able to refine decent longevity medicines. How many old geezers would be attracted by this and work under him? If an unfathomable alchemist without any background or powerful backing joins Ye Qingcheng, then one of these days, he would be sucked dry by him. Perhaps, his dao of alchemy would one day become Ye Qingcheng’s property.”

The madam couldn’t help but murmur: “An upfront investment would truly be worth the price...”

Chapter 741: Cloud Soaring Venerable's Scheme

Inside a divine pavilion in Alchemy City, the White Hair Alchemy God could be found seated on an elegant chair. At this time, the body of the Devil Hand Sacred Doctor was carried forward and placed in the middle of the hall.

The alchemist had an oppressive aura while seated in his chair, making him seem as if he was a God-Monarch standing arrogantly above the nine worlds, especially with his white cloak and hair as black as jade — this was a true crane among a flock of chickens.

This arrogant demeanor was not just for show, it was due to his absolute confidence!

The alchemist got up and took a look at the doctor's body, then he looked at the disciple in front of him and raised his voice: "What happened?"

"Dear Big Brother, this is all because of that human brat named Li Qiye." The disciple quickly said: "Li Qiye purposely planned a trap against Brother Devil Hand so that he would die miserably from the poisonous creature."

Having said that, the disciple embellished the matters back at the Observant Monarch's mansion. Of course, he placed the blame on Li Qiye and talked about how Li Qiye tricked the doctor as well as distracting him with baits. Eventually, the doctor was killed by the poisonous creature.

In short, to sum up a thousand words in one sentence, the death of the doctor was Li Qiye's fault. If it wasn't for Li Qiye distracting the doctor, he wouldn't have died.

“Li Qiye!” After hearing the summary, the alchemist's eyes became fierce; he was still oppressive, but not angry. He coldly commanded: “Go tell Li Qiye that I demand an explanation. Otherwise, he shall suffer the consequences!”

“I understand!” The disciple crazily rejoiced. Until now, their Bailian Clan had always been respected by the sects in this world, especially after their First Brother, the White Hair Alchemy God, was able to refine peerless longevity medicines. Their clan then obtained a very prestigious status. Even ancestor level characters had to give their clan face!

It could be said that they could do as they pleased while walking around in this world. So today, they must properly take care of Li Qiye!

After entering the Alchemy Realm, Cao Guoyao didn't go to the main hall where the kingdom was receiving the participants. A powerful noble from the kingdom could be found preparing a quiet mansion for his stay.

Two days hadn't yet passed after he settled before a guest came to visit him. In fact, he always had guests visiting him to the point

where the mansion was quite crowded during the day. Ordinary guests were denied at the door; however, this guest was a bit special, so he had to personally go and meet them.

“Cloud Soaring Venerable, if you are here to lobby me, then forget it.” After seeing the venerable, Cao Guoyao coldly said: “Only other people work for my State of Cao, we will not be working under someone. If Young Noble Ye wants to be my friend, then I will be more than happy to have a friend like him. However, if he wants me to refine pills for him, then it is off the table. I am not anyone’s alchemist!”

There were very few people who weren’t considerate of Ye Qingcheng’s needs, but Cao Guoyao had the power to do so.

“Brother Cao is joking.” The venerable smilingly said: “Our Young Noble, of course, is your friend. It is our Young Noble’s honor to have a friend like you.”

“That is for the best.” At this time, Cao Guoyao’s expression eased as he said: “Although Ye Qingcheng wants to command the world, I will not join him. Friendship is fine, and occasionally, I can refine one or two batches for him, but to be his personal alchemist is out of the question!”

The venerable said with a smile: “Brother Cao misunderstood. Our Young Noble wants to have a relationship as equals with Brother Cao. If our Young Noble becomes the Immortal Emperor one day, then Brother Cao would be a Monarch standing side by side with him. Only Brother Cao is qualified to stand next to my Young Noble at the peak and look down on the nine worlds.”

The venerable indeed could spew out lotus flowers. Who wouldn't want to listen to flattery of such a level?

After hearing this, Cao Guoyao's mood became very good; he smiled and said: "If Brother Cloud Soaring isn't here to recruit me... don't tell me this is just a visit? You have never been one to come without a purpose."

Cao Guoyao was very proud. Ordinary people wouldn't be able to talk to him, but the venerable was eloquent and was able to make Cao Guoyao happy immediately.

"Brother Cao wronged me just now. I actually had been wanting to visit your State of Cao for a very long time now. Spirit medicines are aplenty and rich worldly energy is everywhere — who wouldn't want to stay in such a great country? Brother Cao might not know, but I work for my Young Noble day and night while carrying out countless errands each day. My legs are about to break from traveling from north to south." The venerable quickly cried out his grievances.

Suddenly, his relationship with Cao Guoyao became a lot closer due to this casual conversation.

Cao Guoyao said with a smile: "Well, Brother Cloud Soaring, don't make fun of me. If you have any important reason for this visit, just say it."

The venerable quickly said: "Brother Cao, I came this time not

for anything else, but the alchemy conference.”

“Alchemy conference? There is nothing to talk about then.” Cao Guoyao said with confidence: “Outside of the white hair brat, I don’t care for other people. Only that brat is qualified to compete for first place against me!”

The venerable quickly responded: “Brother Cao, do not take things lightly. There is someone else that you certainly shouldn’t ignore, he is definitely a strong opponent.”

“Who might that be?” Cao Guoyao said: “I’d like to see what kind of man can be a threat to me.”

“Li Qiye, an alchemist employed by the Giant Bamboo Country. He is definitely a threat to Brother Cao.” The venerable said.

Cao Guoyao didn’t take this seriously and said: “It is that Li Qiye who can refine pills like stir-frying vegetables, right? Hah, those are just rumors, they can’t be trusted. Refining pills like stir-frying? Only Alchemy Emperors are able to do so. Even Legendary Alchemists can’t accomplish such a feat!”

The venerable said: “Brother Cao, it is better to believe than to not. I have carefully analyzed the information from various parties, and after a lot of scrutinizing, I feel that there is a strong possibility that it is true. Moreover, I also have a bold conjecture.”

“I’m listening.” Cao Guoyao noticed the venerable’s solemn

expression and became earnest as well.

The venerable spoke with a serious demeanor: “Brother Cao, think about it. If, say, this Li Qiye has no background, an ordinary alchemist with no sect, if he could reach such a level... Okay, we’ll take a step back and say that this is an exaggeration, but many people have said that his pill refinement skill is amazing. This is enough to show that he is indeed capable.”

“Refining pills like stir-frying is impossible. If it is like you say and this Li Qiye really is that great, then I actually want to meet him.” Cao Guoyao grew eager after hearing this.

The venerable replied: “I’m afraid it is far from just so. From different aspects of my analysis and personal deliberation, my bold speculation is that this Li Qiye definitely obtained the legacy of a great Alchemy Emperor. He is versed in longevity medicines, fate pills, and even medicinal arts! Therefore, a young alchemist with no sect simply cannot reach this level! The only explanation is that he had obtained the legacy of an emperor. Moreover, it might be an extraordinary emperor at that.”

At this point, the venerable put on his most austere look and said: “I have an even bolder thought. Perhaps, this Li Qiye obtained the legacy of the legendary Alchemy God!”

“The Alchemy God’s legacy?” Cao Guoyao shook his head and said: “That is absolutely impossible. The Alchemy God’s legacy has been lost for millions of years. Countless people have searched for it across the nine worlds yet found no clues! As for it being an Alchemy Emperor’s legacy... this is unlikely as well.”

“Why does Brother Cao say that?” The venerable asked.

Cao Guoyao answered: “If, say, Li Qiye obtained an Alchemy Emperor’s legacy, then I should be informed of this. Our State of Cao knows all the legacies from the best Alchemy Emperors in this world. Several known legacies, right now, have great ties with us as well, so if one of them found such an excellent disciple, then it is impossible that I would be unaware of this.”

“That may not be the case.” The venerable replied: “The years are long, so who knows whether an Alchemy Emperor had lost a manual or left another legacy. There have been so many Alchemy Emperors since the start of time within the nine worlds that perhaps Li Qiye had a great fortune and obtained one of their legacies.”

“If this Li Qiye is truly that amazing, then perhaps it is just like what Brother Cloud Soaring is saying; he might have truly obtained a legacy with great luck.” Cao Guoyao thought about it and felt that this conjecture was plausible.

“The key is that this Li Qiye is also adept at longevity medicines.” The venerable said: “This alchemist has no background and is only working for the Giant Bamboo Country. This country is only a first-rate sect that’s reaching its end, a sect that cannot reach the apex.”

“What do you mean?” Cao Guoyao’s eyes became serious as he stared at the venerable.

“I know that Brother Cao has always wanted to compete with the white hair alchemist.” The venerable said: “But Brother Cao should know that longevity medicines are not your forte. However, what if you were able to obtain the longevity manual of the Alchemy Emperor level? If this manual could improve your weakness...”

“... Think about it, if your longevity medicine ability can also compare to the white hair alchemist, then at that time, not only would the younger generation want to please you, even ancestors of the great powers would want to make contributions to your cause.” The venerable’s words aimed to delude the alchemist.

He continued on: “Once you can pressure the white hair alchemist, how many people in this world would move at your beck and call? Once you become an Alchemy Emperor versed in both fate pills and longevity medicines, even an Immortal Emperor would ask you for favors.”

Chapter 742: The Bewitching

Cao Guoyao's heart was pumping after hearing such words. He was a true alchemist who didn't care about cultivation, thus he had to establish superiority using the dao of alchemy.

On this path, his current opponent was the White Hair Alchemy God. Although there were four prodigies in this world, Yuan Caihe was adept in plant and medicine cultivation and didn't care for competition. As for the Alchemy Kingdom's Mu Qiao, he could only make physique pastes and kept a low profile on top of that. Therefore, Cao Guoyao believed that his only real opponent was the white hair alchemist.

His pill refinement was unmatched while the white hair alchemist had unbeatable skill in longevity medicines. Moreover, the alchemist had enjoyed the support of many ancestors. Although Cao Guoyao might have a proud mouth, he was still very envious of such treatment.

Cao Guoyao pondered for a bit before looking at the venerable and asked: "Are your words true?" Without a doubt, he was tempted. It was true that if he could obtain a supreme longevity medicine manual, then with his talents and current accomplishments, he would definitely be able to create longevity medicines no lesser than those of the white hair alchemist.

Once he was versed in both pills and medicines, the white hair alchemist would have no spotlight before him. Just thinking about the alchemist's expression after being suppressed by him left Cao Guoyao secretly ecstatic.

“Would I lie to Brother Cao?” The venerable became serious and said: “Brother Cao should know what I do very well. My skill in intelligence gathering is top notch in the Stone Medicine World and is completely trustworthy, Brother Cao can rest assured about this.”

Cao Guoyao was tempted, but he still had some hesitation. He looked at the venerable and asked: “If Brother Cloud Soaring is speaking the truth, then there is something I don’t understand. Why is Brother Qingcheng not tempted for an Alchemy Emperor’s supreme art when it’s right in front of him?”

The venerable quickly responded: “It would be a lie to say that our Young Noble is not tempted. However, Brother Cao, you should know that our Young Noble is focused on cultivation and knows very little about the dao of alchemy. Moreover, the Stony Edge Kingdom does not prioritize the alchemy dao.”

“However, Brother Cao is different.” The venerable put on a serious demeanor and said: “For a genius like Brother Cao, after obtaining this art for at most five years or as little as one or two years, you will definitely be able to create some superb longevity medicines!”

“Oh, right.” The venerable happily rubbed his palms together and laughingly said: “Of course, when we try to obtain this supreme manual, we will lend Brother Cao a hand from the shadows. Our Young Noble also has a condition. We hope that you will be able to refine great batches of fate pills and longevity medicines for our Young Noble from time to time in the future.

The materials will come from us, and of course, we will not cheat you out of a generous commission.”

Cao Guoyao sneered and drily said: “Haha, so after so much talking, Ye Qingcheng is still trying to get me to refine pills for him!”

The venerable coughed with an awkward look and said: “Brother Cao, as the proverb says, every man for himself or be punished by the heavens. Plus, this is something that benefits both of us, so Brother Cao, tell me, why not?”

Cao Guoyao sneered and said: “You must have hit a wall at the white hair brat’s place. The brat didn’t want to give Ye Qingcheng any face, so now, you want to find someone else to refine longevity medicines. I know very well that a bunch of geezers by Ye Qingcheng’s side need them.”

“Brother Cao is very perceptive, truly amazing.” The Cloud Soaring Venerable quickly smiled and said: “However, to put it in another way, does Brother Cao not want to trample over the white hair alchemist? Do you not want to become a true Alchemy Emperor? If you can make up for your shortcomings regarding longevity medicines, then what can the white hair alchemist do to compete with you?”

Cao Guoyao fell into silence and didn’t say anything.

The venerable hurriedly added: “There is another thing, I wonder if I should say it or not?”

“Go for it.” Cao Guoyao said: “You and I are not considered strangers, so there is no need to be reserved.”

“One must be swift in action.” The venerable said: “Although I sent this news to Brother Cao, news available to me is also available to others. If others make the first move, then your cooked duck will fly away. In my opinion, it is best to make a move at the Alchemy Kingdom.”

“Right here?” Cao Guoyao raised his tone: “Brother Cloud Soaring, are you trying to bait me? Who doesn’t know that it is very risky to make a move in the Alchemy Kingdom?”

“It is only risky for other people.” The venerable confidently replied: “It is not a problem for Brother Cao. I can promise you that nothing will happen and no one will ask about it.”

“Your words are quite questionable.” Cao Guoyao said: “Everyone knows just how terrifying the Alchemy Kingdom is. One stomp from them would cause the entire world to tremble!”

The venerable responded with a smile: “First, Brother Cao, there is no need for you to personally take action. Your mastery of insects is already at the peak. Capturing Li Qiye alive is as easy as flipping your palm, right?”

“Secondly.” He paused and revealed a mysterious grin to say: “With the Alchemy Kingdom as your backing, what are you afraid of?”

After hearing this, Cao Guoyao's expression became serious. He looked at the venerable and finally realized something: "I understand now. Brother Cloud Soaring spoke for half a day, so it turns out that you are running errands for the Alchemy Kingdom."

"Running errands is such an unpleasant way to put it." The venerable was not angry and said: "This is called mutual benefit. I'm not afraid to tell Brother Cao the truth either. The kingdom does not need anything outside of the pill refinement art. Everything else will belong to you!"

"The kingdom is trying to use me as its dagger." Cao Guoyao was not a fool. He smiled coldly and said: "Their Alchemy Kingdom chose not to show its face and decided to let me take action so that all the bad reputation will fall on me."

"As the old saying goes, one can only find fortune within danger." The venerable replied: "How can there be rewards without effort, right? Besides, the Alchemy Kingdom is a behemoth, so their reputation and honor will be ruined if others know that they are robbing someone else's alchemy manual. Brother Cao, don't you think making a move here with the kingdom's backing is the best possible course of action? Even if others wanted to join in, they wouldn't be able to do anything."

Cao Guoyao couldn't help but contemplate this matter. If the kingdom was indeed his backing, then everything would flow smoothly. No matter how capable Li Qiye might be, he still wouldn't be able to escape their palm.

Cao Guoyao eventually asked with a serious tone: “How can I trust that the kingdom is willing to make every effort to support me?” Without a doubt, he was into the idea. This matter would simply be in the bag if the kingdom were to be involved. It would be strange if he was not tempted.

The venerable said with a smile: “Brother Cao is too cautious. Of course, this is not difficult to prove. You should know the kingdom’s World-Pillar Monarch.”

“I do, he could be said to be exceptional among the younger generation of the kingdom.” Cao Guoyao nodded.

The venerable continued: “You should also be aware of the monarch’s Xian Ancestor, right?”

“Yes, I have heard of the Xian Clan’s Alchemy Ancestor.” Cao Guoyao nodded slightly and said: “He is one of the older ancestors of the kingdom and is currently buried in its ancestral ground.”

The venerable said with a smile: “Your news is outdated. The Alchemy Ancestor has come into being. As long as you say a word, the ancestor will lend you a helping hand at any time!”

Cao Guoyao was moved after hearing this. An ancestor of the kingdom was not a joke. Although all powerful lineages would have one or two ancestors buried in their main grounds, an ancestor from a sect with three emperors was very frightening!

With the help of such a character, there was no need to worry about failure. Who in this world could withstand the might of the kingdom's ancestor?

Eventually, Cao Guoyao said with a deep voice: "Let me consider this for one or two more days."

"Very well." The venerable was fine with it. However, before leaving, he left behind some implicative words: "Brother Cao, the opportunity will not wait for people. You need to make a decision quickly since even if you don't want to do it, there are still plenty who are willing."

Cao Guoyao didn't answer and had someone see the venerable out.

After leaving, the venerable went back to his place. The White Cloud Master who had been following the venerable the entire time asked: "Venerable, will Cao Guoyao take action?"

"Don't worry, with such a big bait, how could he not bite?" The venerable was completely confident as he spoke: "We'll visit the Xian Mansion after a while to see the Sacred Ancestor of the Huangfu Clan."

"Venerable still hasn't obtained the Xian Clan's Alchemy Ancestor's consent?" The White Cloud Master uttered in shock after hearing this.

He thought that the venerable working together with Cao Guoyao was the Alchemy Ancestor's idea.

“Don't worry, the Xian Alchemy Ancestor will definitely agree.” The confident venerable said: “The Alchemy Kingdom might not be able to wade through these muddy waters. If one wants to take action here, both the Xian Clan Ancestor and the Huangfu Clan will need someone to take the blame. Cao Guoyao is the most appropriate person.”

“Venerable's calculations are peerless; your wisdom is as vast as a sea.” The White Cloud Master praised in amazement.

The venerable gently shook his head and said: “Young Noble came up with this idea before the trip. I only filled in the details and implemented it.”

The master was astonished by this. Such a well thought out scheme could only be concocted by a supreme genius like Ye Qingcheng.

“The State of Cao, the Huangfu Clan, the Alchemy Kingdom, the Bailian Clan, and even the Crystallized Sea Sect will all be swept into this storm. At that time, even Allpine Mountain and the Giant Bamboo Country will not be able to avoid this! When the majority of the kingdom's ancestors fight against the Allpine Treefather and the Giant Bamboo Divine Protector, the Stone Medicine World will have a change of dynasty!” The venerable's eyes became fierce after revealing his plan and said: “At that time, when all the Godkings die in battle, the remaining eternal existences and supreme God-Monarchs will be generals under our Young Noble's

banner, who could stop us then?”

After hearing such a grand plan, the White Cloud Master felt a chill and was glad that he chose to join Ye Qingcheng’s side!

Chapter 743: Before The Storm

Inside a palace within the Alchemy Kingdom's ancestral ground, Grandma Bai had just quickly returned after gathering enough information.

Inside the courtyard, many flowers were blossoming as Ming Yexue walked among them, basking in their beauty. Although the flowers were brilliantly colorful, all of them were eclipsed by Ming Yexue's beauty. She was the most beautiful flower here.

"Young Miss, the Xian Alchemy Ancestor has come into being." Grandma Bai immediately reported after seeing Ming Yexue.

"So he still came out in the end." Ming Yexue was not surprised after hearing this. She only sighed gently and said: "What is his reason for coming into being?"

"The Alchemy Ancestor wants to refine a cauldron of longevity medicine. His venerable wants to come out and recover for a bit. Once he reaches his peak condition, he will start the cauldron." Grandma Bai said: "He immediately left the Alchemy Kingdom after coming out, so no one in the family knows his whereabouts right now."

"Whether he left the kingdom or not, only his venerable knows best." Ming Yexue said drily. Her current demeanor resembled a fairy in the mortal world, intoxicating everyone.

"There is something else that Young Miss should keep in mind."

Grandma Bai said: “The Cloud Soaring Venerable recently arrived at Alchemy City and has been very active. He visited many people and is very close to the World-Pillar Monarch.”

Ming Yexue said: “Nothing good will come from the venerable. His actions are simply aiming to stir unrest and fish in troubled waters!”

“I’m afraid this is Ye Qingcheng’s scheme.” Grandma Bai said: “He wants to become the Immortal Emperor, and our Alchemy Kingdom is in his way. Young Miss is also his rival on this path!”

“Ye Qingcheng daring to extend his reach into my Alchemy Kingdom... It seems that he is very confident.” Ming Yexue was as calm as the water at the bottom of a well and said: “Does he really believe he can become the Immortal Emperor?”

“Perhaps Young Miss should teach him a lesson!” Grandma Bai said: “In recent years, Young Miss has been very low-key, resulting in Ye Qingcheng thinking that he is actually the destined prince of the heavens, that he is the only candidate for kingship.”

“Don’t worry, I don’t need to do anything about Ye Qingcheng.” Ming Yexue leisurely said: “Young Noble Li is more than enough to deal with him, there is no need for me to take action.”

“Young Miss is very confident in Li Qiye.” The grandma couldn’t help but state: “Young Miss, please excuse my big mouth, but does Young Miss like this Li brat?”

Ming Yexue couldn't help but chuckle. This smile of hers was kingdom-toppling and shamed all the flowers present. She gently shook her head and said: "Grandma, even if I liked Young Noble Li, he wouldn't necessarily like me back."

"Young Miss, what are you saying?" The grandma responded immediately: "Who in this world could compare to Young Miss? Hmph, that Li brat dares not to like you? That is only because he is blind! It is a blessing of three lives to be able to marry Young Miss."

"Grandma, Young Noble Li can't be measured by the common sense of this world." Ming Yexue shook her head and said: "I still have doubts in my mind that require him to make clear."

The grandma couldn't help but sigh after seeing her Young Miss' demeanor. She watched the Young Miss grow up, so how could she not understand her? However, this was also her first time seeing a man that her Young Miss liked and held in such high esteem.

"Grandma, please arrange this for me. I want to meet Ancestor Wushuang." Ming Yexue ordered.

"Young Miss really wants to get involved in this trouble?" The grandma said: "Young Miss, you should know that the Alchemy Ancestor has quite a high status in our kingdom."

"Of course I know this." Ming Yexue said: "I hope that the Alchemy Ancestor will have some sense of propriety. This matter won't be anything good."

The grandma added: “Young Miss, the Alchemy Ancestor coming into being is not simple. This signifies his determination. If Young Miss meets Ancestor Wushuang and ruins his matters, then I’m afraid this will be quite disadvantageous for you. In the past, the Alchemy Ancestor’s prestige was great. Moreover, the Alchemy Ancestor is also friends with many other ancestors. If anything happens, you will be in quite a tough spot as a junior.”

“I am well aware of the Alchemy Ancestor’s influence.” Ming Yexue replied: “I am doing this not because of Young Noble Li, I’m doing this for the Alchemy Kingdom.”

Having said that, she paused for a moment before continuing: “It doesn’t matter if Young Noble Li is all alone. Normally, the power of a single person would not be able to shake our kingdom. It could even be said that it’s merely wishful thinking that someone could. However, I don’t think this is the case for Young Noble Li.”

“Does that mean that you think this Li brat can shake our kingdom all by himself?” The grandma was skeptical and said: “Even if the Alpine Treefather is backing him, he wouldn’t be able to do anything. Our kingdom is not just here for show!”

Ming Yexue shook her head and said: “Grandma, you need to stop using common sense when it comes to Young Noble Li. He is definitely the most frightening person I have met. Although I can’t pinpoint the specifics, my intuition tells me that he is not afraid of anyone and will kill all those who block his path! Our Alchemy Kingdom antagonizing him is not a wise move.”

“If our Alchemy Kingdom goes against him, then irrespective of how this storm will end, we will both be losers while the real winner will be Ye Qingcheng.” Ming Yexue softly sighed and said: “Ye Qingcheng wants nothing more than for endless war in this world. He has long since hoped for existences like our kingdom and the Jianlong Clan to engage in wars! The more chaotic the world is, the more favorable his position will be.”

“I understand Young Miss’ point of view.” The Grandma was very confident in her Young Miss since her vast wisdom and intelligence had few matches. She quickly said: “I will arrange with the elders for Young Miss to meet Ancestor Wushuang.”

Ming Yexue nodded her head and said: “Another thing, let Observant Monarch go visit Young Noble Li and tell him that there will be turmoil in the upcoming days. Caution will be the best policy.”

“Don’t worry, Young Miss, I will let the Observant Monarch send the message.” Grandma Bai immediately carried out the command without any hesitation or long-windedness.

She didn’t like Li Qiye. In her eyes, he was too arrogant and didn’t even put her kingdom in his eyes — this made her especially upset. Nevertheless, she still unconditionally carried out Ming Yexue’s order.

Aside from knocking random things on his dry mountain, Li Qiye used his remaining time to cultivate.

After Yuan Caihe's arrival, he had even more time for cultivation. As one of the four prodigies, she was exceptional regarding the dao of alchemy. She learned a few things after just watching him, so after a few more poisonous creatures came, she took care of them to help Li Qiye.

Inside his room, Li Qiye's divine rings pulsed back and forth. After eighty-one of them finished pulsing, a faint, proud shadow appeared behind him that was seemingly holding the rest of the world in disdain.

This shadow appearing behind his back seemed to be the ruler of myriad eras! This was the highest symbol of the Heavenly Sovereign realm, an Era Sovereign as other cultivators would call it!

Once reaching this level of the Heavenly Sovereign realm, it meant that Li Qiye could easily step into the Heavenly King realm.

In fact, with his dao foundation and the advantages of having thirteen palaces, he could easily reach the king realm in a very short time.

However, Li Qiye did not do this. In the previous levels, Li Qiye was cultivating like an ordinary practitioner. This time, Li Qiye chose to slowly polish himself at the Era Sovereign level.

Li Qiye had a different understanding and interpretation of the Era Sovereign level! Because of this, he spent a lot of time and effort at this level instead of soaring to the king realm.

Moments passed by as his fate palaces floated up and down. His life wheel disappeared along with the divine rings before Li Qiye finally took a deep breath and stood up.

The madam was waiting outside. She put a cloak on him right after he appeared and softly said: “Young Master, the Observant Monarch is waiting outside. He said that Fairy Ming told him to visit you, will you meet him?”

Li Qiye gently nodded and said: “It seems that Yexue found out which big shot from the kingdom took action. Let us go.”

In the main hall, Li Qiye met the monarch. The monarch bowed after seeing him and once again thanked him for saving his son’s life.

After the monarch took his seat, Li Qiye slowly asked: “What news did Yexue send you here for?”

“Dear Young Noble, the princess told me to tell you that our Alchemy Ancestor has come into being.” The Observant Monarch spoke carefully.

Although he didn’t know the details of this matter, he could guess a thing or two. He also knew — very clearly — that something big was going on.

“I got it.” Li Qiye smirked. An ancestor coming into being was

within his expectations. Now, Ming Yexue's news confirmed his speculation.

“The princess also told me to remind Young Noble to be very careful in the upcoming days.” The monarch spoke: “Especially of Ye Qingcheng's people, to avoid falling into a trap.”

Chapter 744: Imperious

Regarding this matter, Li Qiye only smiled and said: “I will keep Monarch’s words in mind. You have come far so you must be tired.”

The monarch couldn’t help but be worried after seeing Li Qiye’s nonchalant attitude. He added: “Many events occurred and the situation keeps on changing recently. If Young Noble doesn’t mind, then you should come stay at my place for a while.”

The monarch’s invitation could be described as full of good intentions. This request was mainly because of Li Qiye saving his son’s life.

He was aware that someone was aiming for Li Qiye and how the situation was quite disadvantageous for him. However, if Li Qiye stayed in his mansion as a guest, no one would dare to make a move recklessly. After all, no matter who they might be, they would have to give a noble like him some consideration. His backing was the imperial family as well as the Stone King of the Alchemy Kingdom.

“I appreciate your goodwill.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “However, I am someone who does not retreat. The stronger the enemy is, the mightier I shall be. If someone wants to cause trouble, then let them come. I will not go anywhere, I will stay here, waiting. The winner has yet to be decided!”

The monarch could only secretly sigh in his mind; he didn’t dare

to persuade Li Qiye any further after hearing this.

However, trouble comes after being mentioned. After the monarch left, trouble came immediately. A disciple from the Bailian Clan was outside of the building and stated that he wanted to see Li Qiye.

“Young Master, a disciple from the Bailian Clan, a junior brother of the White Hair Alchemy God, wants to meet you. He has his senior brother’s seal.” The madam informed Li Qiye.

“Seal of the White Hair Alchemy God? What the hell is that?” Li Qiye couldn’t help but laugh.

The madam explained: “Although the white hair alchemist is part of the younger generation, he carries a lot of weight in the Stone Medicine World. He even has his own seal. Seeing the seal is the same as seeing him in person.”

Li Qiye smiled and said: “Seeing the seal is like seeing the person? Such arrogance.”

The madam continued: “In this world, many people from the previous generation, including ancestors from the great powers, all rely on him for their longevity medicines, so his seal has considerable influence.”

“He’s just an alchemist. Even an Alchemy Emperor’s seal is only a piece of scrap metal in my eyes. Tell him to scram.” Li Qiye smiled

and waved his sleeve dismissively. To him, the white hair alchemist's seal was nothing. Back during those years, his iron order commanded the nine worlds!

“Li Qiye, my brother said that if you do not give my Bailian Clan an answer, there will be no place in the Stone Medicine World for you...” After being turned down, the Bailan disciple stomped his foot angrily.

Over the years, the alchemists from their clan had always been honored guests in all the sects. Others dreamed of having one of their alchemists as a guest in their sect, not to mention that he carried the seal of his senior brother.

Therefore, after being denied an audience, he stood outside and aggressively spewed out harsh words.

“No place in the Stone Medicine World for me? Li Qiye...?” While the disciple was releasing his anger outside, a leisurely voice came from inside. Li Qiye actually came out!

This disciple arched his chest and arrogantly said: “That’s right, it seems that you are smart. If you didn’t come out, then don’t even think about showing your face in this world anymore.” After seeing Li Qiye, this disciple thought that Li Qiye was scared by him, so he became quite pleased with himself.

“When you put it that way, I’m truly a bit scared.” Li Qiye said with a smile: “Okay, anyone who comes should be treated as guests; I should at least listen to you. Since you came bearing the

seal of the White Hair Alchemy God, what is your intention?”

This disciple scowled before speaking: “At the Observant Monarch’s palace, you killed our Brother Sacred Doctor, so my First Brother wants you to pay for your crime and give us an answer, otherwise—”

“Otherwise? No otherwise.” Li Qiye interrupted the disciple and smiled cheerfully to say: “In fact, I have something to tell your First Brother as well.”

“What?” The disciple proudly said: “You better go see my First Brother and say it!”

Li Qiye happily said: “Ah, it is very simple. Tell him to scram as far away from me as possible, flee to the ends of this world. Otherwise, if he comes to provoke me again, I will personally crush him!”

“This thing doesn’t know life from death!” The disciple’s expression greatly soured after hearing this. He became serious and spewed out threats: “Ignorant brat, do you not know that my brother does not need to do anything to kill a junior like you? With one command, countless people will come for your head—”

“Pop!” Before this disciple could finish this threat, Li Qiye had already kicked him flying!

In the blink of an eye, this disciple soared through the sky like a

shooting star and disappeared in the distance.

After kicking him, Li Qiye gently patted his palms and smirked before commenting: “It’s finally quiet.”

The worried Yuan Caihe, who had been standing next to him the whole time, reminded him: “Big Brother, you should be careful of the white hair alchemist. Among us four, he is the most influential. As long as he sends out his intention, many experts from the previous generation will be willing to contribute, including ancestors and eternal existences.

“There is a particular saying in the Stone Medicine World: provoking the White Hair Alchemy God is the same as poking a beehive. If he wants someone dead, these powerful existences would be more than happy to bring this person’s head to him.”

“Let them come. The more people who show up, the more exciting things will be. This land requires more nourishment from blood.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Besides, it is more fun this way. Killing one or two is so meaningless. Massacring a few thousand is more interesting.”

His words made Madam Zi Yan speechless. She could already smell the stench of blood. Amidst her shock, it was as if she could see a scene of blood flowing like rivers.

“Bang!” The moment the white hair alchemist saw the dying disciple being carried back, he immediately shattered his desk with one palm with an extremely unsightly face.

The disciple that was kicked flying by Li Qiye was on the verge of death. If another disciple from the clan didn't bring him back, perhaps his corpse would have been lost in the wilderness.

“This Li Qiye has gone too far!” The alchemist's expression was cold as his uncontrollable anger erupted. Even eternal existences in this world would have to give him face, let alone a mere Li Qiye.

“First Brother, you... you must avenge me. This Li Qiye deserves ten thousand deaths!” This disciple cried miserably. He wanted to stand up but couldn't.

The alchemist's eyes revealed a murderous intention as he awe-inspiringly spoke: “Rest assured, I will avenge you.”

After the wounded disciple was taken away for treatment, the alchemist sat down on his chair and coldly said: “Send out this news. Tell that Li Qiye to kneel outside of my doors before sunset. Otherwise, [I will tear him to pieces in front of everyone!](#)”

Tear him to pieces was dismembering with five horses — an old imperial punishment. It is used as an expression of speech for killing someone ruthlessly in this particular usage.

His command quickly alarmed the entire city, and a storm immediately surged. No one questioned his capabilities. As long as he said the word, countless people would be willing to go take Li Qiye's head for him!

Someone gleefully said after hearing this news: “That Li Qiye is unlucky for provoking the white hair alchemist. Just wait for the beehive to come stinging, a bunch of old geezers is about to come out.”

Another movingly said: “Angering the white hair alchemist is definitely not wise. Why would Li Qiye be so arrogant? Not too many people are willing to oppose the alchemist in this world.”

Tie Yi also heard the alchemist’s desire and went to inform Li Qiye. After hearing this, Li Qiye was not angry. He calmly smiled and said: “Let him come, I’ll be waiting.”

However, Li Qiye didn’t manage to wait for the alchemist to take action as another person had arrived. On the same day, a powerful blood energy soared through the sky as if a divine bridge was connecting the horizons.

This blood energy was extremely powerful and traveled at a frightening speed. It instantly crossed the entire Alchemy City and reached Li Qiye’s mountain.

“What person is so domineering and arrogant like this?!” This blood energy crossing the city immediately shocked many people.

Everyone knew that Alchemy City was a place with crouching tigers and hidden dragons. In this land, not to mention the nobles of the kingdom, many poisonous insects hid in the deep caves and swamps.

Many experts, including the ancestors of great powers, would not act recklessly after coming to this city. They would converge their blood energy and maintain a low profile. But now, this energy soared through the entire city in the blink of an eye. Such a grand approach was truly glaring.

The owner of this blood energy soaring in sky with great speed was a young man. He didn't bother hiding his blood energy. It could even be said that he purposely emitted his energy. Realms floated around his body as if he had formed his own world!

Layers of starry lights emerged from this young man's body like celestial shields protecting him. Under such radiance, this young man appeared to be even more sacred, almost akin to a deity. It was as if he was a general from the heavens descending down to the mortal world. The only difference was that he didn't wield a battle spear!

Such an arrogant young man letting his energy soar through the city was indeed a rare sight. Not many geniuses would dare to do so. After all, this was Alchemy City!

Chapter 745: Young Noble Pei Yu

Many people in the city clearly saw this man flying through the sky. They recognized his identity and exclaimed: “Young Noble [Pei Yu](#)!”

Pei Yu = Jade Wearer

Young Noble Pei Yu was a thunderous name, especially in the Alchemy Realm. Others also called him the Immortal Bird or unkillable young noble. No matter the title, everyone knew one thing — he couldn’t be killed!

Young Noble Pei Yu was the main descendant of the Crystallized Sea Sect, an imperial lineage created by Immortal Emperor [Jing Yu](#). The current sect was still very powerful.

Jing Yu = Starjade. Starjade Immortal Emperor

Immortal Emperor Jing Yu was not considered the most brilliant emperor among his peers, but he created an incredible Heaven’s Will Secret Law. Some even said that this secret law was the most difficult Heaven’s Will Secret Law to cultivate in this world.

The name of this law was the “Heaven’s Will Crystal Physique”, otherwise known as the most powerful defensive merit law in this world.

Once one activated this physique, they could ignore all attacks! It didn’t matter if it was a merit law or weapon, not excepting poisonous creatures and true flames either...

In short, the activation of this physique rendered the user impervious to all harm. Thus, this merit law was also deemed an invincible secret law!

However, in addition to its prohibitive difficulty, this secret law also had a time limit. Nevertheless, it was still considered by some as the most powerful defense available to man!

For many million years since the creation of the Crystallized Sea Sect, those who could cultivate this physique only numbered one or two each generation. Moreover, even these geniuses could only maintain this state for [around an hour](#) at best.

The raw for this was 3 to 5 quarters of an hour — around 45 to 75 minutes, so I changed it to around an hour. Just something that sounds weird if translated literally.

Legend states that outside of Immortal Emperor Jing Yu, the second strongest person in the history of the sect maintained his physique for nine days and nine nights against that generation's Immortal Emperor.

While utilizing this physique, he was able to withstand the suppression of an Immortal Emperor for nine days and nine nights before eventually losing.

No one in later generations knew whether this was true or not, but the invincibility of this secret law became known by all.

In this generation, Young Noble Pei Yu was not comparable to Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng in regards to talents, fame, or even strength. He was also lacking compared to Imperial Edge Mei Aonan as well as the mysterious and quiet Ming Yexue. Perhaps even regarding offense, he would be weaker than the Jian Clan's golden daughter, Jian Wushuang.

However, no one in this world could defeat him. Even a Virtuous Paragon had taken action before, but they still couldn't beat him! Young Noble Pei Yu's secret law could even withstand the attack of an Immortal Emperor Life Treasure!

One could ask anyone in this world and obtain the same answer. Outside of the Indestructible Diamond Physique — one of the twelve immortal physiques, no other physical body could withstand the attack of an imperial life treasure; only this secret law allowed his body to withstand such an attack!

Rumor has it that the young noble's physique was no weaker than that most powerful existence of the Crystallized Sea Sect in the past. Some even said that he could last for six days and six nights!

Although no one could confirm whether this was true or not, Ye Qingcheng once commented: "If Young Noble Pei Yu activates his Heaven's Will Crystal Physique, then even I won't be able to break it."

Ye Qingcheng was known as the most talented person in this world, an individual capable of looking down on the younger generation. Therefore, if he said such words, one could imagine

just how unfathomable Young Noble Pei Yu's physique was.

Due to this, the young noble was also known as the Immortal Bird. Although he may not necessarily be able to beat you, you definitely won't be able to kill him!

Despite the fact that the young noble couldn't compete with Ye Qingcheng and Mei Aonan for the Heaven's Will of this generation and thus having no chance of becoming the emperor, the Crystallized Sea Sect still placed high hopes in him becoming an existence that could fight against one.

In the past, their most powerful existence could maintain this physique for nine days and nine nights, but now, the young noble — at such a young age — was already able to last for six days and six nights, so he had unlimited potential.

In the legends, when the emperor himself performed this secret law, he could maintain it for at least one hundred years! In the eyes of their elders, even if Young Noble Pei Yu could not reach this level, there was still a chance for him to maintain it for ten years.

Ten years of imperviousness — just how terrifying was this? Even if one didn't attack at all, they would still be invincible!

“The younger generation will surpass us in time. He is already a grand completion Life King and defeated his life reduction. To be able to do so at such an age...” Someone from the older generation movingly mused after seeing how far the young noble had progressed.

At this point, the young noble's strong blood energy was being emitted without holding anything back. His blood energy was not only majestic but extremely powerful as if each drop of blood was longevity blood.

Although many experts had blood energy as vast as a sea, it would just appear to be a vast ocean and not an actual sea of blood.

The young noble's blood energy was a real sea of blood. Each strand of blood energy was immense and heavy.

To have such blood energy was the result of combining two different aspects. One was young age. For cultivators, youth was the greatest asset because being young meant that their life could be considered endless for a very long time, and so they would be full of blood energy.

The second was about surpassing the life reduction. Only by defeating this tribulation would one become a real master.

There were two kinds of life reduction. One was before the Heavenly King realm. The most direct type of life reduction at this level was death. It might not even carry a tribulation because you would be too weak for it to even be summoned, you would simply just die.

The other was at the Heavenly King realm. No matter how young the cultivator might be, if they wanted to break the chains of this realm, they had to face their life reduction. Without surpassing it,

they would certainly die.

The young noble, at his age, had already surpassed his life reduction. This was like a rebirth for cultivators, allowing their lifespan and blood energy to be even more vibrant, like the rising sun at dawn.

To be able to become a Life King and defeat the life reduction at such an age... Even if Young Noble Pei Yu was lesser than Ye Qingcheng or Mei Aonan, this was still enough to make him proud.

Someone immediately noticed that the young noble was going towards Li Qiye's abode and said: "That place, isn't that the human brat Li Qiye's place?"

"Young Noble Pei Yu wants to take care of Li Qiye since several big characters from the Crystallized Sea Sect, such as the Alchemy Saint, all died at Allpine Mountain. The most likely scenario is that the young noble is placing the blame on Li Qiye." Someone speculated.

Many big shots from the sea sect were killed at Allpine Mountain. However, many outsiders thought that Li Qiye alone couldn't kill so many important people from the sea sect and the ravine. The only explanation was that the Allpine Treefather secretly lent him a hand.

"Not necessarily, maybe the young noble is here to find Fairy Yuan." An important character from the Alchemy Realm guessed.

The young noble liking Fairy Yuan was no secret in this domain. Not long ago, he had confessed to her in front of many people. However, she didn't share the same sentiment. Later on, he chased after her all the way to the Serene Garden. She didn't want to see him, so he caused quite a commotion at the garden.

The fiasco eventually caused a Serene Garden Ancestor to come out. Afterward, an important character from the Crystallized Sea Sect came to apologize and temporarily calm this storm.

The young noble stepped onto Li Qiye's mountain with his blood energy still radiating outward. As a Life King who had surpassed his life reduction, his mighty blood energy could shake the entire mountain.

It was tough for Li Qiye's group to not notice when the young noble's aura was so aggressive.

"Young Noble Pei Yu..." The madam who was also a Heavenly King changed her expression after seeing the young noble descending from the sky. She was wary of him not because he was already a Life King, but because he had the Heaven's Will Crystal Physique!

As for Li Qiye, he was still as leisurely as ever and only gave the young noble a glance without a care.

"Sister Yuan, it has been a while." The young noble's gaze fell upon Yuan Caihe and couldn't shift away. In his eyes, there was only Yuan Caihe, others did not matter.

They were not from the same sect. However, both of them were cultivators, so he considered himself as the big brother so that he could be even closer to Yuan Caihe.

“Brother Pei Yu, long time no see.” Yuan Caihe only gently nodded and revealed a distant look. She was a quiet person by nature and didn’t compete with others. Nevertheless, when Young Noble Pei Yu made a big scene at the Serene Garden that almost caused the two sects to fight, it would only be natural for Yuan Caihe to not be fond of him at all.

“Sister Yuan, the wind has been strange lately; it’s dangerous and unpredictable.” Young Noble Pei Yu looked at her and said: “I am very worried about your safety. How about you come with me to Alchemy City? I can ensure your safety during this period of unrest.”

“Brother Pei Yu needlessly worries.” Yuan Caihe shook her head and lightly responded: “I am very safe with [Brother](#) Li!”

Yuan Caihe’s “brothers” here are different. The one used for Li Qiye symbolizes their close relationship and is more casual/friendly while the “brother” for Pei Yu is because they are both cultivators, like dao brother in a formal manner. People who also read World of Cultivation should know *ge*, she uses *ge* for Li Qiye

After hearing this, Pei Yu’s eyes immediately turned cold like an eagle that instantly targeted Li Qiye. His fierce eyes were ruthless, making it seem like he was stalking his prey.

“So you are Li Qiye.” Pei Yu coldly said with murderous intent flashing in his eyes.

At this point, many people came to watch the fun from far away. Even though they were very far from Pei Yu, they could still sense his bloodlust.

In fact, he made no attempt of hiding his blatant murderous intent.

Chapter 746: Beat Him

“It’s about to start.” Many people who came to watch the fun were anxious after the murderous intent swept through the area like a frigid gale. There were some who even wanted Pei Yu to kill Li Qiye.

Li Qiye lazily opened his eyes to look at Pei Yu and said: “It seems that I am the only person named Li Qiye here.”

“You are just an ant who won’t be prancing around for much longer.” Young Noble Pei Yu sneered and also didn’t care for Li Qiye. He told Yuan Caihe: “Sister Yuan, in less than two days, this place will be stained with corpses and blood. You are better off following me into the city, it will be safe there. Staying with this person will only invite disaster or even death.”

Yuan Caihe had yet to speak before Li Qiye waved his hand dismissively and said: “Caihe does not want to go with you, so leave. Don’t disturb me cultivating here.”

Pei Yu’s expression sank. He wanted to make a move but managed to hold back while coldly saying: “Li Qiye, whether it is for personal reasons or because I am a disciple of the Crystallized Sea Sect, this young noble has good reason to take your dog head! However, the head on your neck has already been claimed by someone else, so I will let you live one or two days longer!”

There was no doubt that Pei Yu knew some inside information, so he came to take Yuan Caihe away.

Pei Yu not taking action surprised the spectators. An arrogant person like Pei Yu would definitely take revenge and kill Li Qiye because of the feud between them. However, Pei Yu actually managed to hold back today. What character actually managed to make the young noble so careful?

“You are talking as if you have the ability to take off my head.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but laugh at the young noble’s arrogance and said: “Even if you try, you alone are not enough to take me down.”

Pei Yu glanced at Yuan Caihe once before glaring at Li Qiye and aggressively declared: “Although your life was claimed by someone else, it is fine for me to teach you a lesson and break your legs! Make your move, I will show you with my bare hands!”

“Really?” Li Qiye smiled and looked at the young noble to say: “You really don’t need a weapon?”

“Do it!” The young noble smiled proudly. He had great confidence in his strength, so he said: “My hands are more than enough to teach you a lesson—”

“Pop!” However, before the young noble could finish speaking, he was struck by a fist and blown into the sky. Blood spurted everywhere as the crisp sound of bones breaking appeared!

His jaw was shattered by this fist, causing his face to be pitifully mangled!

“Impossible...” This sudden development left everyone watching in the distance astonished. Young Noble Pei Yu was a Life King, yet his jaw was broken after the first exchange. This was simply impossible unless a Virtuous Paragon was his opponent.

“Too weak.” At this time, Li Qiye remained standing at the same spot and wiped off his hand with a smirk on his face. It seemed as if he didn’t make a move at all! “You actually dare to say that you will teach me a lesson at this level? Is the descendant of Immortal Emperor Jing Yu this weak? Go back and train for another ten thousand years.”

Pei Yu finally stood up straight at this time with his mangled jaw. A single fist from Li Qiye breaking his jaw was the most humiliating thing he had ever experienced.

“Zzz...” In the blink of an eye, his jaw was reformed, perfectly intact. He was ultimately a Life King, so he could easily recover an injury of this degree.

“Little bastard, die!” How could the young noble maintain a graceful demeanor at this time? He crazily screamed and created an endless sea of meteors that descended towards Li Qiye. These innumerable star-like universal laws were not only able to grind Li Qiye to dust, they could also seal the entire area.

Such a powerful attack was absolutely capable of shattering this land!

“Cosmic Grasping Palm!” Many cultivators were horrified by this attack. It was a famous emperor law from the Crystallized Sea Sect!

“Boom!” However, before people could make sense of things, the young noble was blown away again and disappeared among the layers of clouds.

Despite his endless universal laws and the vast sea of meteors, he still couldn't stop Li Qiye's advance. Li Qiye trod freely even under Pei Yu's imperial attack as if nothing could stop him!

Moreover, Li Qiye's speed was too swift. It didn't matter if it was the cultivators from the far distance or the madam right at the scene, no one was able to see Li Qiye since his speed had reached the zenith.

The Soaring Immortal Physique, the Void Imperfection Physique, and the Hell Suppressing Godly Physique — Li Qiye's three physiques had all appeared, so even a Life King like Pei Yu was not worth mentioning!

By utilizing the speed of the soaring physique, the void physique that was capable of repelling all laws, and the suppressive properties of the godly physique, what could Pei Yu do?

“What... is going on?” The spectators were horrified. Even Heavenly Kings were not able to understand the events that just transpired!

The madam was shaken as well. Although along the way, she had seen Li Qiye take action several times, he had never personally made a move and only used the Death Chapter to control the dead.

Now, Li Qiye truly attacked and easily defeated Pei Yu in the blink of an eye. Despite her great cultivation, she still couldn't make out what was going on.

Many people glanced at each other in confusion. The young noble was utterly defeated in such a puzzling way.

In their opinion, someone like Pei Yu should be able to defeat a nobody like Li Qiye without any problems!

However, contrary to their expectations, the young noble had brutally lost, resulting in their astonishment.

If, say, Li Qiye used a supreme emperor law to defeat Pei Yu, then everyone could accept it. However, Li Qiye attacked without laws or techniques. Not even the fluctuations of blood energy could be felt. It was an inexplicable bout.

Very few people could see through the mystical properties of the three physiques. In fact, even those who could see through Li Qiye's speed and situation wouldn't be able to guess correctly.

Who on earth would think that someone would be able to cultivate three physiques at the same time?! It was essentially impossible.

“This is...” The cowardly Tie Yi hiding in the background grew pale after seeing this and stared at Li Qiye as if he was a ghost! Although he didn’t completely grasp what just transpired, he understood a thing or two. He couldn’t help but shiver as his body became cold. He recalled a particular legend, a legend regarding the Black Dragon King. This legend was still only speculation since future descendants couldn’t verify it.

Moreover, those who knew this legend were fewer than few, but he was among those rare individuals. He took a deep, calming breath and praised his own fortune for not opposing Li Qiye!

“Boom!” A moment later, Young Noble Pei Yu fell down from the sky. He was covered in blood and his entire chest was caved in. Li Qiye’s fist had crushed his chest.

“Crank clack!” The sound of bones snapping appeared. The young noble used an unbelievable method to restore his shattered chest cavity. Almost immediately, his chest was whole again.

“Indeed worthy of being a Life King who had surpassed their life reduction! Such plentiful blood energy and strong vitality. This truly makes other people envious. Young age is indeed one’s greatest asset.” An older expert noticed that the young noble didn’t even waste any energy to reform his chest and commented with envy.

There were many people stronger than Pei Yu, especially Virtuous Paragons of the previous generation. However, to be able

to easily recreate one's body like him without wasting any blood energy was simply wondrous!

“Little bastard, you have enraged me!” The young noble couldn't help but growl. The first time when Li Qiye broke his jaw could be attributed to his lack of caution. However, he used an emperor law earlier, yet Li Qiye still struck him flying into the sky and shattered his chest. How could he withstand such humiliation?!

What was even more shameful was that he didn't understand what actually happened from start to finish. If Li Qiye had supreme speed, then he could understand that. However, the perplexing part was that not only did Li Qiye have superior speed, he could even move freely under the influence of his emperor law. His law simply couldn't impact Li Qiye's movement.

To the young noble, this was the same as meeting a ghost! Ever since he became accomplished in the dao, this was the most bizarre thing he had encountered!

“Enraged you?” Li Qiye gently rubbed his fist and said: “You should thank the heavens that you are still alive because I chose to spare your life! You better use all of your abilities or I will end you with the next move. This is your last chance!”

“Boom!” The furious young noble's body erupted with a loud bang. At this second, it was as if he shouldered the Heaven's Will as the stars became bright. From the firmament descended a boundless radiance that was completely focused on his body as if he was the destined prince of the heavens!

Universal laws appeared one after another and imprinted themselves on his body, causing his body to seem like a piece of crystal or a crystallized being — [very beautiful](#).

The word 晶 has several meanings – crystal; clear, bright; radiant. The first appearance of this word was with sea, so using crystal sea was a big risk without an actual explanation in the text. Radiant-Sea was a safe bet, so radiant also continued to the name of this law. I'll change the sect's and technique's name to crystal to match the narrative for older chapters

“Heaven's Will Crystal Physique!” Someone exclaimed out loud after seeing the young noble's crystal clear body. Eyes were opened wide as people scrutinized the young noble for a better look.

Chapter 747: Heaven's Will Crystal Physique

Many cultivators in the distance were both nervous and scared after Young Noble Pei Yu activated his crystal physique.

“Heaven's Will Crystal Physique, the most powerful defense in this world; it's completely impenetrable.” An older cultivator couldn't help but murmur with great envy.

Any sect or cultivator would covet this art. An untouchable secret law — could anything in this world be better than this? It allowed for its user to stand undefeated so that they wouldn't be afraid of any enemy no matter how mighty they might be.

“I didn't expect to have the opportunity to witness the crystal physique with my own eyes. This trip was definitely not a waste!” The younger generation also became excited and was overwhelmed with greed after seeing the young noble's crystal physique.

After activating his art, the young noble looked at Li Qiye in disdain. He was extremely confident that the moment he used this art, he would be unstoppable, and if he wanted to leave, no one could stop him!

“Li Qiye, your turn.” With great hubris, the young noble looked down at Li Qiye from above and sneered: “Even if you cultivate the best law in this world, you still wouldn't be able to defeat me.”

“Boom!” After the young noble finished his remark, Li Qiye unleashed another powerful fist on the young noble with extreme

speed.

However, the young noble stood there motionlessly without any harm. Even Li Qiye's triple physiques couldn't break the young noble's defense!

Without any Virtuous Paragons present, even a Demon King couldn't see Li Qiye's attack clearly. However, everyone could feel the power contained in his punch. It violently shook the earth, making it clear that very few could bear such a blow!

Nevertheless, the young noble was unaffected as if he was an immovable God-Monarch. Nothing could deter him!

"You only have this meager power?" The young noble finally regained some face after being beaten so badly by Li Qiye earlier. Now, he finally won an exchange, thus he belittled Li Qiye with an impetuous look. Since it took so much effort, he had to do a good job at humiliating Li Qiye to wash away the shame from before!

The young noble proudly laughed and told Li Qiye: "Even if an ant like you musters all of your strength, you still wouldn't be able to harm even a single strand of my hair."

It was no wonder why the young noble was so arrogant. He had complete confidence in his secret law. He had used it to fight Ye Qingcheng before. Although he was not Ye Qingcheng's match, Ye Qingcheng couldn't break through his physique and injure him.

Young Noble Pei Yu even used the physique to fight against a Virtuous Paragon! The suppression of this mighty existence still couldn't hurt him. In his eyes, there was no one in this world that could break the Heaven's Will Crystal Physique!

In fact, he was not the only one with this belief. Even the Crystallized Sea Sect and all the cultivators in the Stone Medicine World held this notion!

“Boom!” Another heavy attack from Li Qiye struck his head after he finished uttering those words. This attack was enough to destroy a star, but Pei Yu remained unharmed and unmoved.

“In this world, only the grand completion Indestructible Diamond Physique can compare to the Heaven's Will Crystal Physique.” A great character commented after seeing Li Qiye's powerful attack that failed to move the young noble. This left people wishing that they could also cultivate this secret law to become undefeatable!

“Is this the best you can do?” The young noble sneered: “Take out your weapons, if you have any that is. Even an Immortal Emperor Life Treasure or True Treasure is fine. Go ahead, use them on me. Otherwise, with your power, even if you hit me one or ten thousand times, it still wouldn't harm a hair of mine. If you use eggs to hit a rock, even ten thousand eggs wouldn't be able to hurt the rock!” The young noble ignored all scruples because of his status and aggressively belittled Li Qiye. This was his goal, after all.

“Only someone who trains the crystal physique would be able to

challenge imperial weapons like this.” Someone murmured.

Everyone knew that imperial weapons were too much for the physical body to handle. However, Pei Yu had no fear today and challenged such weaponry. This was enough to show just how confident he was in his physique.

“It really is the Heaven’s Will Crystal Physique, the real deal.” Li Qiye was not angry at all from Pei Yu’s provocation and lazily said: “So your true form is a Focused Steelgem, no wonder why you can cultivate the crystal physique to this level. Very few can compete when you have such a natural advantage.”

“Hmph, so what.” Pei Yu scowled and proudly exclaimed: “Kneel and beg right now, or else I will tear you to pieces!”

It turned out that Pei Yu’s original form was a Focused Steelgem. His original form was very close to Immortal Emperor Jing Yu’s since the emperor was an extremely rare Crystallized Jade that became enlightened in the dao. The original forms of these two minerals were very similar. The gem was a very rare mineral. Moreover, a gem demon was even rarer.

Because of this, the young noble was able to last six days and six nights with the crystal physique.

Li Qiye smiled and asked: “You really think I will kneel and beg? It’s just a Heaven’s Will Crystal Physique, do you really think you are unbeatable with it?”

“Give it a try and find out if it is true or not.” The young noble smirked and unleashed a finger strike that was akin to a meteor crossing the sky. It was extremely dazzling and overbearing.

The crystal physique was unbeatable. The moment he used the power of the physique to attack, even a Life King at the same level wouldn't be able to withstand the force.

Li Qiye didn't bother dodging. He powerfully swung his fist with an astonishing speed to meet the young noble's overbearing finger.

“Bang!” The void shattered and created a hole after experiencing their heaven-defying exchange. It was very easy to understand the power of the two sides.

Despite the powerful finger strike from the young noble, it couldn't move Li Qiye. However, Li Qiye couldn't deter the young noble either.

“Just what is the background of this Li Qiye? Why is he also so powerful?!” A big character from the previous generation was dumbfounded at this display.

From beginning to end, no one knew Li Qiye's status and background since his attacks did not carry laws or any semblance of techniques.

“You are only relying on the virtue of your crystal physique.” Li Qiye shook his head and smilingly said: “It's unfortunate that you

have met me. The crystal physique is nothing to me.”

“Such big words.” The young noble scowled: “Although my crystal physique might be nothing, it is enough to hold the world in disdain. It is unbreakable across the eons!”

The young noble’s pride was overflowing after saying this. His words were indeed true, no one could break this physique across the ages! This was his power that allowed him to be fearless no matter who his opponent was.

Even when many geniuses bowed their heads before Ye Qingcheng, the young noble remained fearless. Even if he couldn’t compete for the Heaven’s Will against Ye Qingcheng, he was still confident that Ye Qingcheng wouldn’t be able to defeat his crystal physique!

“Unbreakable across the eons?” Li Qiye couldn’t help but burst out in laughter after hearing this and proclaimed: “Very well, since you are so confident, I will break your confidence today. Let me break this legend as I shatter your Heaven’s Will Crystal Physique!”

“With just you?” The young noble pointed at Li Qiye and also laughed uncontrollably, almost to the point of tears.

“Breaking the Heaven’s Will Crystal Physique? HAHAHA!” The young noble did not hold back and laughed unabashedly as if this was the best joke he had ever heard.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye did not become angry and remained leisurely standing there, waiting for the young noble to finish laughing.

“I don’t find it funny at all. It seems that my standards for comedy are too high.” After the young noble finished laughing, Li Qiye leisurely commented.

In fact, upon hearing this, not only did the young noble laugh, many cultivators in the distance joined in as well. An older cultivator shook his head and smilingly said: “A newborn calf is not afraid of a tiger. Maybe Li Qiye still doesn’t know the true meaning of the crystal physique.”

Some among the laughing crowd were shaking their heads because this was the funniest joke they had heard. In their opinion, Li Qiye didn’t know his own limits. For millions of years, no one had been able to break the crystal physique. A junior like Li Qiye declaring this was just wishful daydreaming.

The young noble put away his smile and pointed at Li Qiye with disdain before shouting: “You overestimate yourself, ignorant brat!” The young noble smirked and leisurely continued: “Li Qiye, do you not know how many people wanted to break the crystal physiques for generations? Do you know what kind of characters they were?”

“I’m listening, which Immortal Emperors wanted to break the Heaven’s Will Crystal Physique?”

The young noble proudly replied: “For tens of millions of years,

no less than ten Immortal Emperors wanted to break my Crystallized Sea's Heaven's Will Crystal Physique. I won't bring up older emperors, but in recent times, Immortal Emperor Ta Kong and Immortal Emperor Yin Tian didn't manage to break it!"

Chapter 748: Battle

It was no wonder why the young noble ridiculed Li Qiye so badly. Even the spectators afar shook their heads.

“Very bold. Unfortunately, this is an impossible matter.” An older expert also thought that Li Qiye was in over his head.

The younger generation was ridiculing him even more: “Ignorant child, I’m afraid he doesn’t even know what the crystal physique is, that’s why he is talking about breaking it. Even Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng couldn’t do it, let alone a human junior.”

This opinion was not without reason. In fact, for many millions of years, many apex existences — including Immortal Emperors — all tried and failed to crack the crystal physique.

Li Qiye only smiled in the face of this confidence and clearly said: “So you are saying that your physique is impossible to crack? If you are so confident, then how about we make a bet? If I break your physique, then you will have to hand this secret law over to me.”

“You won’t even have a chance. No one in this world can break the Crystallized Sect’s physique!” The young noble emphasized his point with a sneer.

“You never know, anything is possible.” The always-calm Li Qiye leisurely said: “So you don’t dare to make the bet? Of course, if you are afraid, then forget it. It seems that you aren’t confident in your crystal physique at all.”

“Bullshit!” The young noble couldn’t help but curse after hearing such provocation. He sneered and said: “Just you alone want to break my crystal physique!? In your dreams!”

“Okay then, forget the bet since you are afraid. It’s just a Heaven’s Will Crystal Physique, no big deal.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head dismissively.

“Ignorant fool!” The young noble sneered and said: “A bet it is then. What do you bet?!”

“If I can’t break your crystal physique, then you can kill me however you like.” Li Qiye said with a smile.

The moment these words came out, the madam was aghast. This was because generation after generation, no one had been able to break the crystal physique. If the young master participated in this bet, then his loss was assured. She wanted to step out and stop her master, but she stopped herself and remained calm. She had this feeling, a baseless faith in her young master that he would be able to create a miracle.

“Your dog life is not enough to bet against the crystal physique of my sect!” The young noble laughed and looked at Li Qiye in disdain.

Li Qiye shook his head gently and said: “A man cannot be so shortsighted. Perhaps my life is not worth anything, but I have many valuable items, such as King Medicines, Imperial Medicines,

and a supreme dao of alchemy — this is quite a lot of treasures.”

After hearing this, the young noble had to take a second glance at Li Qiye. He knew that Li Qiye’s life was reserved by someone else, but after hearing this, he was tempted all the same.

Although the Crystallized Sea Sect was an imperial lineage, it didn’t have many achievements in the dao of alchemy. It was not comparable to the Bailian Clan, let alone a behemoth like the Alchemy Kingdom.

He had also heard of Li Qiye’s superb pill refinement skill. If he were able to obtain Li Qiye’s method, then it would be an unfathomable contribution and grand event for the Crystallized Sea Sect! His name would be written down in its historical annals!

“Okay, a bet it is!” The young noble sneered, eventually agreeing. He stated: “Get ready to throw in the towel. Today, I will completely defeat you!”

Even as the descendant of the sea sect, he was not qualified to bet his supreme crystal physique art to an outsider. However, due to his confidence, he felt that no one could break this physique, let alone Li Qiye.

This bet left many spectators puzzled; they all felt that it was too irrational.

A Heavenly King murmured: “Isn’t this brat crazy? He actually

dared to make a bet that is doomed from the start.”

There was also a genius Demon Monarch who sneered: “Having too much confidence is just ignorance and courting death. Even Immortal Emperors can’t break it, let alone this Li Qiye.”

Although many people in this world coveted the art, they all knew that breaking the physique was more difficult than becoming an Immortal Emperor! It was essentially impossible! Countless people who were more powerful had tried and failed, let alone them.

An Immortal Emperor might be able to suppress the crystal physique, but they wouldn’t be able to crack it using their own merit laws. Because of this, the crystal physique was also known as the world’s impregnable defense!

At this point, both the madam and Yuan Caihe looked at Li Qiye with worry. They knew just how impossible this feat might be, but they couldn’t change Li Qiye’s decision.

“Good, I like people who dare to gamble.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Let me remind you to prepare carefully as I’m about to break your crystal physique.”

The young noble laughed mockingly and looked down at Li Qiye to confidently say: “Bring it. I will stand still right here. You can attack as you please for six days and see if you can break it or not!”

Since the young noble's crystal physique could last for six days and six nights, he believed that he could receive any attack from Li Qiye, including those from imperial true treasures!

"No need for six days, half a day is enough." Having said that, Li Qiye rushed forward instantly.

Meanwhile, the young noble only sneered. He didn't move at all, he only stood still. He planned to let Li Qiye do as he pleased. No matter what Li Qiye tried, the young noble would still be able to accept it! He could handle a paragon using an imperial weapon, so it was needless to mention Li Qiye!

"Whooosh!" However, Li Qiye didn't attack just yet. He circled around the young noble at a rapidly increasing pace. At this time, he had activated the Soaring Immortal Physique.

In the beginning, the young noble and others could see Li Qiye's figure, but the moment the true soaring physique activated, even the top Heavenly Kings at the scene were unable to keep up.

Li Qiye's shadow was as fast as light, almost beyond description. His soaring physique had reached minor completion, so with the current power of his physique at its limit, even a top Heavenly King was far from being comparable to him regarding speed.

"What kind of speed is this?" Many people were astonished after seeing such a display of speed.

A Demon King saw this scene and speculated: “Could this be an immortal physique? Perhaps this is the Soaring Immortal Physique, only this physique could reach such an ultimate speed.”

“This doesn’t look like the characteristics of the Soaring Immortal Physique though.” A few knowledgeable big shots were attracted by Li Qiye’s speed as well and began to guess its origin.

At this moment, very few people could see the special characteristic that belonged to Li Qiye’s soaring physique, especially when Li Qiye mixed three physiques together. This created a new combination, causing the special characteristics of the three to change quite a bit.

“Perhaps it is the Ascension Physique, one of the eighteen saint physiques.” Someone else speculated.

The Ascension Physique was the saint physique right below the Soaring Immortal Physique. At grand completion, it also had amazing speed that few things in this world could compare to!

“From the looks of it, it doesn’t seem like the Soaring Immortal Physique or the Ascension Physique.” A great Demon Monarch from the previous generation muttered: “Perhaps the junior is carrying a treasure that can instantly boost his speed.”

While the crowd was guessing the source of his speed, Li Qiye became faster and faster. Eventually, his shadow could no longer be seen, there was only a halo that stretched around the young noble’s body. Moreover, this halo became increasingly large and

eventually encompassed the young noble completely.

“You must be dreaming to think that such a method can break my crystal physique...” The young noble couldn’t help but sneer after seeing Li Qiye turn into a pulsing halo around him. To him, such a method had no offensive value, so there was no way it could break his physique.

However, the moment these words came out, a very faint buzzing resounded. In an instant, Li Qiye’s speed had reached its utmost limit, surpassing even time itself!

The halo that encircled the young noble suddenly lit up and covered the young noble’s body in a very clear light. At this split second, it seemed that the young noble had jumped out of this space-time continuum.

This entire process was extremely short like a flash. No one could see this development clearly, not even the young noble. He felt as if he had escaped the regular space-time. Time had reversed by a second!

With the reversal of this second, his crystal physique suddenly degraded.

Chapter 749: Breaking The Crystal Physique

“Pop!” In this instant, no one could sense the one second reversal. The sound of ceramic shattering could be heard as time seemed to stop for one second. Although this was not what truly happened, everyone had this illusion.

Once this illusion ended, the many people present returned from their absent-minded state and saw the young noble being blown away. By the time they could see Li Qiye again, he was already clutching the young noble by the neck and had sealed him!

Suddenly, the world turned silent as everyone’s wide-open eyes ogled them. Their mouths were gaping as if they all wanted to cry out, but no sound came out! No one among the astounded crowd could believe their own eyes!

Li Qiye was able to break the crystal physique! No one could accept this because no one in this world should be able to break the crystal physique! Not even an Immortal Emperor was able to, yet Li Qiye had done so. No one would believe such a tale.

“This, this can’t be real.” A person lost faith in his eyes and couldn’t help but pinch himself ruthlessly. Once the pain came, they finally believed that this was neither an illusion nor a dream, this was reality. The impossible had happened in front of everyone.

“How, how can this be?!” To many of them, even witnessing the event personally was not enough to convince them as it was simply

too difficult to imagine.

Even the madam and Yuan Caihe who were praying for a miracle couldn't believe when it truly occurred.

"This is too... scary..." Tie Yi paled at such a sight. He thought about many things in this split second and shivered fearfully.

The crystal physique that was notorious for being unbreakable across the eons had been shattered. Even Young Noble Pei Yu who was sealed by Li Qiye and grasped by the neck couldn't believe that this was actually happening. He gasped and uttered: "There... there is no way..."

For the young noble, he would rather believe in dying pitifully at the hands of Li Qiye. His crystal physique being shattered was even more shocking than his own death.

To him and the sea sect, the crystal physique must be indestructible. This was their eternal legend and supreme honor!

But now, the physique had been shattered by Li Qiye. This was akin to their supreme honor being trampled under Li Qiye's foot.

Such a blow to a descendant like Young Noble Pei Yu was even more agonizing than being killed. He couldn't handle such suffering!

Li Qiye smirked at the paled young noble and said: "Nothing is

impossible, all shall eventually come to an end.”

“No, no, this is impossible. You can’t break the crystal physique! This can’t be true!” The young noble would rather die than have his sect’s legend be shattered. This end was too cruel for him!

“Unfortunately for you, I have broken your Heaven’s Will Crystal Physique.” Li Qiye smilingly said: “As long as I keep at it, I can definitely find the method to crack it!”

In fact, ever since Immortal Emperor Jing Yu created this physique, Li Qiye — as the Dark Crow — had paid attention to it. In an old era, the Dark Crow had also obtained this secret physique art of the Crystallized Sea Sect.

At that time, he had pondered how to break it and tried out numerous approaches. He utilized the most supreme secret laws of both the deity and imperial levels to break the physique.

He went as far as to let Immortal Emperors research this art in hopes of finding a solution. However, no matter what they came up with, it was still too difficult.

It wasn’t until later on when Li Qiye stumbled upon a very accidental opportunity that he figured out a way to break this physique. When one used the Soaring Immortal Physique to surround a crystal physique user at maximum speed, they would be able to surpass time itself. In this split second, the surrounding space would be reversed due to the momentum.

In this split second of time reversal, the crystal physique would undergo a change back to its past state. The moment of this shift was when the physique was most vulnerable!

Later on, Li Qiye expanded on this particular solution. One would use the soaring physique to shift the crystal physique back to its weakest state while another would use the Void Imperfection Physique to penetrate its defense!

The idea appeared to be very easy, but it was practically impossible. Even if an expert trained in the Soaring Immortal Physique and another trained in the Void Imperfection Physique, the two would not be able to cooperate as the void user wouldn't be able to grasp the split second of time reversal!

The only possible solution was for one person to cultivate both the Soaring Immortal Physique and the Void Imperfect Physique! However, anyone with common sense would know that a single cultivator could only have one physique. It was impossible for one to have two physiques!

However, what was impossible for others had been accomplished by Li Qiye. Today, he once again recreated this miracle and broke the legend!

Ever since the beginning when he saw Pei Yu's crystal physique, he was already tempted and wanted to personally give it a shot. After the first attempt, he was certain that the young noble cultivated a complete Heaven's Will Secret Law. This was something he wanted, resulting in the inception of this bet.

The young noble was certain of victory and that he would be able to utterly defeat Li Qiye. He didn't expect to be defeated. Their sect's legend had been shattered on this day!

The entire scene was silent at this moment as everyone stared in a daze. After a while, they finally began to accept this impossible notion as the truth.

“You, you, you know demonic arts... evil arts!” Eventually, the young noble couldn't help but exclaim: “You used an evil art to break my Heaven's Will Crystal Physique!”

Even at this time, he couldn't accept the reality of the destroyed legend.

In fact, many spectators were silent at this time and wanted to know the answer. Just what method or secret law did Li Qiye use to break the crystal physique? Their curiosity was ravaging their minds.

“Whatever you say.” Li Qiye smirked and said: “It's not important, the important thing is that you have lost. According to our agreement, you have to hand over the incantation law for the crystal physique!”

“Kill me.” The young noble laughed pitifully. He was covered in blood, but these wounds were insignificant to him. Nothing was heavier than the pain in his heart.

He cried and said: “I will pay with my life! There is no merit law, you can have my life instead!”

He was lost in despair. He was already unable to bear the physique’s defeat, so he would rather die than to let Li Qiye have their crystal physique. Even if Li Qiye tore him into pieces, it would be a better end for him than handing over the physique law.

For the young noble, this physique law was the most supreme art of their sect; it wasn’t allowed to be given away to just anyone. As the descendant, he had a responsibility to protect the physique. Even if he died miserably and could never enter the reincarnation cycle, he still wouldn’t hand the physique law over.

Li Qiye leered at the young noble and said: “It seems that you have no intention of handing it over.”

The young noble smiled pitifully and responded: “That’s right, no physique law, only my life! You can do as you please, but I will never surrender the crystal physique!”

Countless people held their breaths while watching this scene. Who wouldn’t be moved by the crystal physique? To deny it would be spewing out lies.

So now, many were hoping that he would hand over the physique law. If this physique law were to be leaked, then other sects and lineages would have a chance to obtain it as well.

“You must act in accordance to our bet.” Li Qiye grinned and said: “If you won’t hand it over, then I won’t be so polite anymore. Don’t blame me for being ruthless since you are the one to violate the bet.”

“Kill me if you dare!” The young noble shouted austerely: “Don’t even dream about the crystal physique!” He only wished for death at this moment. Death was not something to be afraid of, it was more like sweet relief!

“I am someone who never needs to dream for something.” Li Qiye revealed a smile and said: “You had agreed, so now, the crystal physique belongs to me! I am a man of my word.”

Having said that, universal laws appeared on Li Qiye’s palm. They locked the area around Young Noble Pei Yu’s forehead. His mind was opened along with his sea of memories at this time.

“Clank!” Li Qiye’s mind also opened and shot out a ray of light. It instantly suppressed a particular law inside the young noble’s sea of memories, the law that was related to the crystal physique.

“No...” The young noble realized what Li Qiye wanted to do and couldn’t help but scream. Li Qiye was trying to take the crystal physique law from his memories!

However, the outcome was not up to him to decide. In the blink of an eye, Li Qiye’s hand turned into a supreme law that clasped the law inside the young noble’s sea of memories at lightning

speed. He wanted to forcefully obtain it from the young noble's memories.

“Boom!” The moment Li Qiye grabbed the crystal physique law, a forbidden seal emerged. In this split moment, not only did the countless universal laws of the crystal physique explode, even the young noble's entire sea of memories was annihilated. His entire mind was blown to smithereens!

It was needless to mention the young noble; his body turned into a bloody mist. Due to this powerful blast, Li Qiye was blown flying as well. His body was covered in blood, not just with the young noble's blood, but also his own.

This was a forbidden seal. The descendants and great characters of many sects all had this type of powerful seal because they were afraid that if they were to be defeated one day, the victor would forcibly take their sects' secrets or laws.

If this circumstance occurred, the seal would immediately blow up and destroy all things. No one would be able to obtain the secrets inside.

Li Qiye was blown away and was quite injured, but he didn't care about these trivial things. In his hand was a strand of a law. The moment the explosion occurred, he was able to force out this physique law from the young noble's sea of memories.

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Even if it was only one section of the physique law, it was enough for Li Qiye. At this time, his eyes blazed as his heavenly gaze activated to derive this universal law.

Although it was just a single strand, it was created from countless intertwined runes. Every magical rune was in pairs, and these pairs twisted together to eventually form this law.

Just this one strand was as vast as an ocean. The mantras inside were floating with incomparable profundity. Despite it being a short law, it was just as mystical as an unparalleled merit law.

Under his dao derivation and calculations with his heavenly gaze, the entire law was imprinted in his mind.

This imprinted seal eventually turned into an endless chapter inside his head. It contained mantras just like the will of the heavens or the cosmos of the nine heavens. It poured down, seemingly wanting to cover his entire sea of memories.

Heaven's Will Crystal Physique! A complete physique law created by Immortal Emperor Jing Yu finally appeared inside Li Qiye's mind.

Back when he was the Dark Crow, he had already obtained the complete version and researched it for several generations. It could be said that outside of the creator himself, no one in this world had a deeper understanding of this physique than himself!

Later on during his hibernation, he erased this section from his memories. Today, he finally obtained a part of it. With just this single strand of law, he was able to derive the profundities within and retrieve the memories of the past.

To Li Qiye, the bet was just to be more thorough. He understood that even the threat of death would not make the young noble hand over the physique law!

Of course, if the young noble had been willing, then nothing could have been better. However, his lack of compliance was fine as well. Li Qiye only wanted the moral high ground to own the physique. Since the young noble lost the bet, even if the sea sect later came to demand it be returned, righteousness would be on his side!

Fortunately for him, he was able to derive the law just in time. The moment his memories of the physique appeared again, the strand of law in his hand slowly dissipated.

The young noble died after his body was turned into a bloody mist. After losing the support of his true fate, this strand of law very quickly lost the power of the dao, so it dissipated a few moments later.

“Heaven’s Will Crystal Physique.” Li Qiye grew intoxicated by the profoundness of the grand dao. Such a supreme secret law was extremely enchanting and craved by all.

During his immersion, danger suddenly came for him once more. This danger was completely silent; there were no signs, the assailant only quickly attacked from behind.

In this moment, Li Qiye's intuition warned him, so he dashed away at a supreme speed. However, with a bang, his back was still struck, causing him to go flying.

"Be careful..." The madam and Yuan Caihe were frightened. However, it was all too late. This ambusher was much stronger than them.

Li Qiye, who was blown towards the horizon, immediately stabilized his body and coldly glared at the ambusher.

At this point, an old man emerged from within the clouds. An aura of water appeared alongside his figure. This person was a great character from the demon race; he had a human body and a fish head adorned with a crown.

Although this old man was quite aged, he still had an oppressive aura. The moment he emerged from within the clouds, the clouds in the entire area were swept away completely.

It seemed as if there was a boundless ocean floating right behind his back. It was as if wherever he went, the area around him would become an endless ocean.

"Expanse King!" A few spectators gasped in horror after seeing

this old man coming out of nowhere.

The old man came down from the clouds and uttered in a deep tone: “Junior, I admit that you have a little bit of skill.” Each word of his was like a hammer smashing into the heart of others. At this time, he was not hiding anything. A Virtuous Paragon’s aura swept through the world like a flood.

The attack of a paragon was indeed extraordinary. However, his ambush still didn’t kill Li Qiye, startling him quite a bit.

“The Expanse King is a real master. He has ruled over the expanse for almost ten thousand years without any dissension.” Even Heavenly Kings took deep breaths after seeing the appearance of a Virtuous Paragon of this caliber.

“Worthy of being the most amazing genius from the expanse in the past. After holding on for so long, he finally stepped into the realm of paragons after the end of the Difficult Dao Era to become an Early Era Paragon.” Among the experts of the older generation, a character who was from the same generation as the Expanse King gently sighed.

The Expanse King was an enlightened fish. That year when he got on land from the expanse, he revealed extremely frightening talents. It could be said that becoming a Heavenly King during the Difficult Dao Era was harder than reaching the heavens, let alone a Virtuous Paragon. The Expanse King became one of the most powerful Heavenly Kings at that time and controlled a vast ocean. Eventually, he was able to become an Early Era Paragon.

“I am very curious. I don’t recognize a nobody like you, so why did you ambush me? There has to be a reason.” At this time, a gruesome wound could be found on Li Qiye’s back. However, due to his mighty physique, this wound quickly closed.

“I have no grievance against you.” The Expanse King’s fish head was particularly ugly, especially when he grinned. His smiling figure caused all the spectators to be creeped out. He coldly smiled and said: “Unfortunately, you have offended someone you shouldn’t have.”

He leered at Li Qiye and stated: “If you confess your wrongs and prostrate before the White Hair Alchemy God’s door right now, I will spare your life!”

After hearing this, not only Li Qiye but all the experts from afar understood what was going on. So the Expanse King was doing this for the white hair alchemist!

The status of the Expanse King far exceeded ordinary kings and sect masters. As a Virtuous Paragon, it was difficult for a junior to obtain his assistance. However, since the start of his cultivation, it had been ten thousand years. He was old and needed longevity medicines to supplement his withering lifespan.

Who in this world had better longevity medicines than the white hair alchemist? Because of this, it was not strange for the Expanse King to assist the alchemist.

With one word, countless characters from the older generation would help the alchemist achieve his goal!

Li Qiye smirked and replied: “And if I say no?”

The Expanse King dryly answered: “If you don’t prostrate before the alchemist’s door, then this king will personally take action and let you suffer a fate worse than death. Perhaps I will bring your head to the alchemist as a present.”

Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile and leisurely say: “Although I don’t know who the hell this alchemist is, since his dog wants to bite me, I won’t hold back!”

“Thing not knowing life from death, cease your resistance!” The Expanse King’s expression sank. In the blink of an eye, he casually raised his hand, causing the sky to darken as he caught a star! This was a treasure that aimed to suck Li Qiye inside!

“Not good, it is the Expanse Net!” Many spectators were astounded to see this treasure being sent down.

Many experts who knew the origin of the Expanse King’s treasure became wary. It turned out that his treasure was called the Expanse Net. Rumor has it that this net was refined from the evil mist of the vast sea. People also said that the moment this net was cast, powerful cultivators were like doomed butterflies stuck in a spider web.

“Is that so?” Li Qiye’s eyes became fierce the moment this net came down. A terrifying murderous intent appeared in his eyes. He did not try to run from this net and instead shouted: “Kill!”

With that, another treasure came rushing out.

With a loud bang that caused the earth to shake and the celestials to lose their brilliance, an old bell came out and turned into a majestic mountain. This mountain seemed to have come from the ancient past — eternal!

This mountain soared through the sky and shattered the void. With such power, even the Expanse Net was instantly shattered; it couldn’t bear even one blow!

Declivity-Mountain Bell, a supreme treasure that was mysterious and archaic; it was comparable to a true treasure of an Immortal Emperor. When it came out, even the world would tremble in fear.

“Is that an Immortal Emperor True Treasure?” The faraway spectators quivered in horror as well after this treasure came out. Its power was too great, suffocating even Heavenly Kings.

However, knowledgeable experts knew that this was not a true treasure because its emergence did not carry the aura of an Immortal Emperor as one would expect.

“Not good...” The Expanse King was horrified the moment the mountain destroyed the net. This all happened too quickly so he

couldn't react in time.

With endless blood energy from his moving life wheel along with the Yin Yang Sea of Blood, Li Qiye was able to power the mountain bell. One could easily imagine how mighty its power was. Its attack could even shake the strongest attack of any Immortal Emperor True Treasure.

In this moment of life and death, the Expanse King released endless dao laws and summoned treasure after treasure to block this attack. However, without an imperial life treasure or true treasure in his hand, his powerful treasures couldn't compare to the mountain bell.

With explosions, the treasures all shattered. The Expanse King couldn't escape in time, and his blood gushed out due to the attack. With a miserable howl, the king was slammed by the bell, splattering his flesh everywhere.

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Nevertheless, the Expanse King was still a paragon even though he was only at the early era level. After his scream, although his body was destroyed by the mountain bell, his head was still intact.

There were terrifying cracks on his head, making it seem as if it would split apart at any moment, but he was still holding on. For a paragon, as long as his true fate was still there, he wouldn't be able to die.

The head tried to turn around and escape. If he remained with such a grievous injury, he would definitely die in this place.

“Where can you run to?!” Li Qiye's speed instantly reached its zenith and quickly caught up to the king's head. An Early Era Paragon was not as fast as the Soaring Immortal Physique of Li Qiye, not to mention that the paragon was seriously injured.

“Pop!” His head received a heavy blow from Li Qiye. Even if he was stronger, the already-cracked head released all of its contents due to the blow from the Hell Suppressing Godly Physique. Chunks of his brain splattered everywhere. Moreover, his head was crushed by Li Qiye's foot, but he was still alive.

“Junior, don't go too far!” The Expanse King was already basically half dead. He couldn't help but quiver inside. Never would he expect a paragon like him to end up in this tragic state so quickly.

He was full of regrets. If he knew that Li Qiye had such an invincible treasure, he wouldn't have been so bold.

The spectators from afar were shaken as well. Although no one could recognize the mountain bell, it was still a terrifying artifact even if it wasn't an imperial true treasure!

Someone murmured: "No wonder why he can act so arrogantly. So he had this powerful treasure as his ace."

Even descendants of imperial lineages wouldn't necessarily have true treasures of the emperor level, let alone a sect-less junior.

No matter who they might be, including ordinary paragons, they would be very wary of an imperial true treasure or something of the same level. Unless they had a similar weapon, even a paragon might not have a great advantage in a direct confrontation!

Although the Expanse King was a paragon, he was only a new Early Era Paragon. In the beginning, he was too careless and thought that he could easily capture Li Qiye. He didn't think that Li Qiye would start with an emperor level weapon and directly blow him into pieces.

"Too far?" Li Qiye cheerfully said: "I like to hear these words the most. Since you said that I have gone too far, very well, I will give you a chance right now. Hand over all of your treasures then hang your head from the highest peak of Alchemy City. Only then will I spare your life. If not, I will stamp your dog head, no, fish head into paste!"

“Little bastard, go to hell!” The Expanse King was still a king and a paragon after all. How could he suffer such humiliation? In this instant, his head cracked open and his dao foundation erupted. His true fate began to blaze!

He wanted to self-destruct and take Li Qiye along with him.

“Boom!” A thunderous detonation occurred. When a paragon blew up his own dao foundation and true fate, the generated force had absolute power.

Due to the blast, everything within the radius of a thousand miles was shattered like glass. A dreadful black hole appeared and the fabric of space-time became chaotic, especially where Li Qiye stood. Everything here could be crushed into nothingness.

“Pop!” Unfortunately for the king, five bronze doors appeared around Li Qiye amidst this terrifying blast. The pentagate protected him and blocked this terrifying explosion.

The self-destruction of a paragon caused a fallout that swept through ten thousand miles. Many spectators in the distance were blown away by the aftermath since they couldn’t resist such a force.

“Boom!” In the blink of an eye, the ground suddenly split. A huge shadow crawled up from the ground. This was a huge monster.

“Xuuuu.” The thing that rushed out from the ground opened its mouth to spew out an endless amount of poisonous mist that completely shrouded the area.

Moreover, Li Qiye was the target, so he was immediately drowned within.

“Dark Serpent!” A Demon King cried out from the distance. He used his fastest speed to run away after getting a good look at this huge creature that appeared from the ground.

“Dark Serpent, not good!” Yuan Caihe was startled after seeing the poisonous mist everywhere. She brought the madam back into their courtyard. At this time, a particular fragrance that was being emitted from the trees inside the yard formed a barrier of air to protect them from the mist.

There were many spirit trees and treasure medicines in this yard. Some were recently planted by Li Qiye and Yuan Caihe. At this time, the spirit tree that was preventing this poisonous mist from approaching was planted by Yuan Caihe.

The vast quantities of poisonous mist quickly spread throughout the area. Many people in the distance reacted quickly enough to run away. However, there were also those who couldn't do so in time and were flooded by the mist. They immediately fell to the ground and twitched for a while before their bodies turned black and stiff.

“Such strong poison.” Madam Zi Yan was astonished after seeing

this. Normally, ordinary poisons were not effective against cultivators.

Yuan Caihe explained: “The poison of a Dark Serpent is not immediately fatal, but once it invades the body, the whole body will become stiff in an instant. Their blood energy would be sealed so the victim wouldn’t be able to move. Even a Heavenly King would not be able to escape. Without taking the antidote within six hours, death would be assured as the body slowly melts into a black liquid.”

She was very knowledgeable about spirit medicines, and as a prodigy, she also knew about poisonous creatures.

“Where did this Dark Serpent come from?” The experts who were able to run far away were frightened as they looked back at the spreading mist. This extremely powerful poison could corrode one’s true fate and destroy their fate palaces. Not even Heavenly Kings could resist it.

An Alchemy Saint at the scene quivered and said: “This doesn’t make any sense. Dark Serpents dwell in the wet depths of darkness. This place is too dry, so it shouldn’t have any Dark Serpents.”

Although he did not say it explicitly, the implication was crystal clear.

“Xuuuu...” At the center of the poisonous mist with howling winds, the Dark Serpent jumped up and opened its mouth to spew

out even more mist towards its target — Li Qiye.

However, as this mist covered the sky, Li Qiye was not afraid at all. He shifted his body around in the mist to avoid the serpent's attack.

Many spectators at a safe distance noticed that the serpent was only attacking Li Qiye and looked at each other. The wily experts immediately knew that this was not so simple. Someone was using the Dark Serpent to attack Li Qiye!

“This brat is so scary. He just killed an Early Era Paragon and isn't afraid of the Dark Serpent's poison.” An alchemist said: “I heard that Li Qiye's dao of alchemy is incredible as well. If this is true, then it is not strange for him to be able to resist the poison.”

In fact, Li Qiye was not relying on the dao of alchemy to repel this poison. He had medicines of the immortal level, so how could this serpent's poison do anything to him?

Eventually, after escaping the serpent's attacks, Li Qiye circled around its head and suddenly unleashed dozens of needles that penetrated its skull.

After being struck by the needles, it suddenly stopped as if petrified.

“Back to where you came!” Li Qiye shouted a mantra. With a boom, the Dark Serpent seemed to have received the command

and immediately crawled back into the ground, disappearing without a trace.

“What is that?” A cultivator in the horizon was puzzled by how Li Qiye was able to control the serpent.

An alchemist was shocked after seeing this scene and shouted: “Insect mastery skill!”

After hearing this, someone who was pale from fear stated: “Don’t tell me that Li Qiye is a disciple of the Insect Swarm Valley? Only they know how to control poisonous creatures.”

The Alchemy Saint shook his head and said: “Not necessarily. This world is vast, so the Insect Swarm Valley is not the only place that knows how to control poisonous creatures. In fact, this is part of the dao of alchemy, but very few people are adept at this art.”

The Insect Swarm Valley were masters of controlling poisonous creatures. Till this day, it’s name instilled fear in whoever heard of them.

At this time, a loud bang could be heard from the horizon. After hearing this, people instantly looked towards that direction. Some activated their heavenly gazes and mirrors to have a better look.

Inside Alchemy City, the Dark Serpent suddenly came out from the ground and commenced its attack. Its large whip-like tail fiercely swung everywhere like a huge mountain range tumbling

around.

The Dark Serpent was attacking a mansion. A cry came out from inside as a treasure fly out to stop the onslaught: “You dare?!”

“Bang! Bang!” The Dark Serpent seemed to be mad. Not only did it use its huge body as a weapon, it also spewed out poisonous mist.

“Go!” The person in the mansion clearly didn’t want to fight against the serpent. With a shout, the entire mansion hovered up from the ground and flew out of Alchemy City.

“That is Cao Guoyao’s abode... a mansion from a monarch of the Alchemy Kingdom. After Cao Guoyao came, it was handed over to him.” A person movingly uttered after seeing the serpent attacking the owner.

After knowing who the serpent attacked, many people began to wonder. At this moment, it was clear as to who had controlled the Dark Serpent.

This sudden development that occurred in Alchemy City attracted the attention of many parties, especially when Cao Guoyao’s mansion flew out from Alchemy City while the huge Dark Serpent gave chase right after it. Many experts and alchemists were quite alarmed and followed right behind them to find out what was going on.

“Li Qiye, what are you trying to do?!” The mansion’s speed was

very fast. In the blink of an eye, it stopped one thousand miles away from Li Qiye.

Cao Guoyao was currently seated in a high pavilion of the mansion. His eyes were fierce when he shouted at Li Qiye.

“What am I trying to do?” Li Qiye looked at Cao Guoyao and narrowed his eyes to smilingly say: “Nothing, I only allowed this beast to return and find its master. It seems that it has found him.”

“What venomous slander!” Cao Guoyao shouted: “Everyone here saw that you controlled this serpent to attack me. Do not change black to white and right to wrong!”

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Although Cao Guoyao flatly denied this matter, many experts who came to watch knew that in the present times, outside of the Insect Swarm Valley, only Cao Guoyao knew how to control poisonous creatures. It was no secret that he had traded with the valley for this art.

Li Qiye smiled and said: “Whether you did it or not is no longer important. You should deal with the Dark Serpent first.” Li Qiye knew, very well, who used the serpent to attack him. There was no need to waste words after all the facades had been let go of. One of them must die.

“Boom! Boom!” The Dark Serpent had caught up at this time and spewed out more poisonous mist. It covered the sky once more, enveloping Cao Guoyao’s mansion like a tsunami!

Many people had seen the effect of this poison earlier, so they quickly retreated to avoid being injured by the poison.

“Open!” There was more than just Cao Guoyao in the mansion. The residents included disciples and experts from the State of Cao. When the poisonous mist shrouded the mansion, many disciples opened their cauldrons to unleash a rolling mist of medicine into the sky. This mist condensed to form a shield.

“Xshhhh...” Waves of sizzles rang when the poisonous mist touched the medicinal mist. The poison was immediately dispelled and turned into drifting ashes.

In the end, the State of Cao was still an alchemy lineage that had had an Alchemy Emperor, so their disciples were quite capable when it came to dissolving something like the poison of the Dark Serpent.

The beast seemed to be enraged. The moment its poisonous mist was dispelled, it let out a loud hiss and slammed its huge tail down. A wild storm immediately assaulted the mansion.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” Even though the mansion had a powerful defensive barrier, many buildings were still shattered from the onslaught of the serpent. Some disciples were even blown away while spurting blood.

Cao Guoyao had an unsightly countenance as he shouted: “Stop, damned beast!” The moment he gave the order, the four Divine Steeldemons quickly soared out at lightning speed.

“Whooosh!” The four swift demons used their arms that were as sharp as blades to slash multiple times in the blink of an eye. The moment they came back to Cao Guoyao’s side, blood erupted out like a spring.

The huge serpent came crashing down like a mountain. Its huge body was severed into several sections that fell to the ground like huge boulders, staining the ground with its blood.

“The Divine Steeldemons are so strong!” Many people shivered after seeing the demons dispatching the serpent so quickly.

“I heard that they rampaged across the Stone Realm for some time before eventually being tamed by Cao Guoyao. It seems that they are indeed powerful, it’s no wonder that so many experts died to them.” An alchemist frightenedly stated after seeing the might of the demons.

Cao Guoyao was not happy at this moment. He was not willing to send out the kill order for the serpent as it wasn’t easy to find a Dark Serpent like this. It used to be one of his most useful assistants, but he couldn’t do anything else in this situation!

“Li Qiye, not only did you falsely accuse me, but you also used the serpent to attack my country’s disciple. I will exact vengeance for this!” Declared Cao Guoyao, who was sitting up high in his pavilion.

“Is that so?” Li Qiye was unaffected as he smilingly said: “What kind of vengeance? Capturing me alive or hacking me into pieces? Of course, capturing me alive is more useful for you, wouldn’t you say?”

The confrontation between the two was quite well-received by the spectators who were watching for their own enjoyment. However, a few great characters knew that this was not as simple as it looked. In fact, any discerning person could tell that Cao Guoyao used the serpent to ambush Li Qiye. However, many cultivators and lineages would have to rely on Cao Guoyao eventually, so no one wanted to reveal such a thing.

Cao Guoyao glared at Li Qiye and coldly said: “If you obediently submit, then I will spare your life!”

Li Qiye returned an enigmatic smile and replied: “Submit? I don’t have such a habit to give up before the fight even starts. What if I don’t submit? Are you going to come over and force me?”

Cao Guoyao’s expression became cold as he answered: “If you stay unrepentant till death and remain insensible, then don’t blame me. I will let you see what is called the dao of alchemy so that a frog at the bottom of a well like you will know that it is not limited to just pill refinement and growing grasses!”

Having said that, he stood up and spewed out an incantation. A green light hovered around his body with the emergence of universal laws. Grasses crawled out from below his feet along with blossoming spirit flowers.

The ground where he stood seemed to have turned into a garden or a field of alchemy. His body was full of vitality and life.

It seemed that all the plants and trees in this area accepted Cao Guoyao’s summon. Their majestic life forces poured into his body like a flood. By controlling the aura and pulsating energy of the vegetation in the surrounding area, Cao Guoyao was able to borrow their power.

“This is...” Many people were surprised to see Cao Guoyao’s current state. Although no one knew what he wanted to do, they could feel the fluctuation of power in the air. Borrowing the power

of the plant life in the entire garden was unbelievable.

“This is a technique for Legendary Alchemists. Legend states that this type of alchemist has several different techniques, and one of them is wood mastery.” A powerful alchemist murmured: “At a certain level, an alchemist will become infinitely close to all existences in nature and can borrow their power.”

Inside the courtyard, Yuan Caihe was also convinced and nodded her head to say: “Cao Guoyao is indeed an incredible Legendary Alchemist. Although he doesn’t know how to cultivate medicines and only knows pill refinement and fire control, he is already very amazing for being able to do this with wood mastery.”

Yuan Caihe was the voice of authority in this regard. In contemporary times, she was the number one figure in plant cultivation and was closer to plant life than anyone else. Very few people could compare to her regarding [wood mastery](#).

Plant mastery would make more sense here, but wood is one of the five elements. Since we have fire mastery, it makes sense to keep it as wood mastery

“Rumble!” The earth shook. In this area, many tall and sturdy trees rose from the soil.

Cao Guoyao’s universal alchemy law imprinted itself on these trees with lightning speed. After more rumbling noises, these gigantic trees grew even larger at an astonishing pace. Each of them eventually became as grand as a mountain.

These trees now appeared to be giants. With one step, they could easily cross over smaller mountains as if they were the children of the earth. All of these trees emitted the power of nature since their roots were deep underground and were empowered by the blessing of the boundless earth.

It was one thing if it was only one or two trees, but there were several hundred or maybe even a thousand gigantic trees, forming an army of giants. Just imagine, each of these trees could cross over a mountain. Just how mighty and terrifying was this force? Even a Heavenly King would fear encountering such a legion.

“Alchemists can also be like this!? I’ve, I’ve never heard of such a thing!” One of the spectators couldn’t believe their own eyes. In the minds of many people, alchemists were not good at fighting and were not willing to fight, at least with force.

However, Cao Guoyao’s display today overturned their views regarding alchemists. No one would have thought that alchemists had such a heaven-defying method.

An Alchemy Saint with white hair enviously stated: “Only Legendary Alchemists are capable of grasping this kind of technique to control an army of wooden giants. Perhaps Cao Guoyao is already a peak Legendary Alchemist.”

Alchemy Emperors were at the apex while Legendary Alchemists reigned second. Of course, in the current generation of the Stone Medicine World, the number of Legendary Alchemists could be counted on one’s hand.

Many alchemists couldn't reach this level, but Cao Guoyao was already there at such a young age. Moreover, he was able to summon this powerful legion, causing many older alchemists to be lost in admiration. It was not an exaggeration when people proclaimed him as one of the four prodigies!

“So Legendary Alchemists can have such a technique... Then what will they be able to do if they become Alchemy Emperors?” An experienced Demon Monarch was dumbfounded after seeing this scene.

Another Alchemy Saint explained: “Needless to say about Alchemy Emperors. Legendary Alchemists already never have to personally take action. When faced with any adversity, there would always be a large group of experts willing to work for them! Because of this, the world rarely has the chance to witness their techniques.”

Chapter 753: Tiny Vine Turning Into A Giant

After hearing the Alchemy Saint's explanation, many people had a deeper understanding of alchemists.

Although this was a land where the most alchemists resided, there was very little understanding of Legendary Alchemists. This was understandable since they were quite prestigious. Outside of Alchemy Emperors, there was no existence higher than them when it came to the field of alchemy. How many sects would be willing to regard a Legendary Alchemist as a treasure and pay them tributes? Who would be willing to let a Legendary Alchemist join a battle?

It was just like this Alchemy Saint had said, the moment they reached the Legendary Alchemist level, a single word was enough to cause countless people to gather!

“Bang—” In the blink of an eye, this legion of wooden giants surrounded Li Qiye. While trapped inside, he seemed to be an ant that could be stomped to death by any of them.

“Li Qiye, out of consideration for a fellow alchemist, it is not too late to surrender.” While controlling the legion, Cao Guoyao coldly leered at Li Qiye. He had an imperious expression as if he was the ruler of this land. Life and death would be decided by him.

He wanted to capture Li Qiye alive for his supreme dao of alchemy. For common items, there were plenty of young geniuses and sects willing to satisfy him. However, he didn't want to ask

someone else for help in this matter because he did not trust others! Due to this, he didn't mind personally taking action despite being a Legendary Alchemist.

Li Qiye looked around at the giant trees that surrounded him and smilingly said: "You think this army of trees can force me to submit?"

Cao Guoyao laughed and said: "Li Qiye, I know you have an extraordinary treasure, but don't forget, with one word, many powerful sects will besiege you! Countless powerful experts will be willing to push you to the edge! However, because we are both alchemists, I personally took action today and acted according to the ways of an alchemist to deal with you. Be smart and give up or else there will be no place left for you in the Stone Medicine World!"

"What a meaningless threat." Li Qiye smiled and said: "Since you want to use the methods of an alchemist, I'll let you see what real wood mastery is!"

Having said that, his body began to emit an endless light that made him seem like a green ocean. Behind this green ocean were divine trees that sealed the heavens. There were ancient trees forming their own worlds as dazzling immortal grasses began to grow...

His body was empowered with endless life, especially when the tree of life inside his fate palace appeared. He seemed to have become the entire world, as if all plant creatures in the nine heavens and ten earths were awakened by Li Qiye's unbelievably

vast life source.

“Since you want to compete in the dao of alchemy, I’ll show you!” With a laugh, Li Qiye’s life force turned into endless universal laws that intertwined to form a heavenly chapter. It was incredibly grand and unfathomable.

“This is...” Yuan Caihe was shaken after seeing a heavenly chapter of this level. It was too profound and mystical; despite being one of the four prodigies, she couldn’t find any clues at all to this heavenly chapter. However, the moment she saw the cover, she immediately understood that this was the key to opening the world of the dao of alchemy!

This chapter was created by the profundities within the Alchemy God’s Grand Canon. These were the laws of the nine worlds’ dao of alchemy, its beginning!

“Zzz...” Inside the chapter, a mysterious light fell down and turned into a tiny vine.

“Boom!” In the blink of an eye, peaks were blown apart. This tiny vine grew larger at an astonishing rate. It quickly reached the high firmament as if it was the true favored child of this earth. All the life force in this area was focused in its body.

“Rumble!” The vine branch turned into a gigantic monster that covered the entire sky. In just a split second, waterfalls began to pour down from above. It seemed to have become the ruler of this region as its most powerful existence.

The crowd was astounded, their mouths wide open as they stood there in a daze. To them, this was simply a miracle. Compared to such a monstrosity, the wooden army of Cao Guoyao seemed to be insignificant.

“How is this possible?!” The Alchemy Saint exclaimed in horror: “One thought to become a god — this is something only an Alchemy Emperor can do, but he isn’t one!”

“It’s just simple wood mastery of the alchemy dao.” Li Qiye looked at Cao Guoyao and dismissively said: “This is no big deal, it’s only a minor art that uses the life force of the heaven and earth to create life under one’s control! In the end, it is still only an external dao; using it often will harm the heavenly order and the dao laws!”

Such words made many alchemists here want to vomit blood. They were all shamed and were on the verge of committing suicide. Nearly all of them strived for this level. Wood mastery was something every alchemist had thoughts of, but in the mouth of Li Qiye, it had become a minor art. If this was a minor art, then what could be considered a grand art?

After he finished his statement, the vine giant slammed downward. With an explosion that illuminated the sky, all the huge trees that were surrounding Li Qiye were instantly blown away. It also dispelled the dao laws that Cao Guoyao imprinted on these trees. They began to shrink as their life force dispersed. Eventually, they assumed their original form as if nothing had happened.

Cao Guoyao paled and understood that Li Qiye's dao of alchemy was even more profound than his. This left him with both fear and hate. Moreover, it made the greed in his heart grow even more rampant.

If Li Qiye had a better dao of alchemy, then this meant that his law was a priceless treasure. If he could obtain such a law, then he could absolutely become the present day Alchemy Emperor!

“Good, good, Li Qiye, you are quite amazing.” Cao Guoyao thought of something and looked at Li Qiye to say in a serious manner: “I am not your equal regarding wood mastery!”

These words came as a surprise to many people. Who was Cao Guoyao? He was one of the four alchemy prodigies, the inheritor of the State of Cao! He would be a shining star no matter where he went. Many geniuses would have to be wary of him, but such an arrogant person today had bowed his head and accepted defeat. No one expected such a thing.

Cao Guoyao gravely continued: “Wood mastery is not my forte. Li Qiye, since you are an unparalleled alchemy genius, do you dare to compete with me once more?!”

Despite his arrogance, he was also quite witty. While accepting his loss, he also praised Li Qiye. Any other alchemist would enjoy such vanity because Cao Guoyao was a well-known alchemist, no one could resist such flattery.

“Logically, I shouldn’t fall for such a low-level bait.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “However, it is not easy for you to bow your head. Very well, I’ll play along with you since killing all day is becoming dull!”

The instant Li Qiye withdrew his alchemy law, the vast life force disappeared from the sky and returned to the earth. Meanwhile, the vine also became smaller and reverted to its original shape.

If people didn’t see it with their own eyes, no one would believe that this little vine had turned into a gigantic branch that covered the entire sky. Many cultivators present, especially the alchemists, were incredibly envious and wondered when they could reach such a level.

Li Qiye lazily glanced at Cao Guoyao and said: “Okay, what other tricks do you have? It is time to use them all.”

Cao Guoyao took a deep breath and deepened his voice to say: “The mysteries of the dao of alchemy has myriad ways such as plant cultivation, pill refinement, and insect and monster mastery! How about we compete in insect mastery?!”

“Insect mastery?” Li Qiye had a smirk on his face as he rubbed his chin to leisurely reply: “This isn’t child’s play. If one isn’t careful, the outcome will be deadly.”

Cao Guoyao leered at him and stated: “Leave it to fate. If one of us dies here, then we can only blame it on our own lack of skill! No regrets, do you dare to take me on?!”

At this point, all eyes fell upon Li Qiye.

Chapter 754: Moonplucking Arach

It was no secret that Cao Guoyao was adept at insect mastery. Someone once said that outside of those at the Insect Swarm Valley, no one in this world was more skilled in insect mastery than him.

“Competing in an unfamiliar area instead of one’s specialty is unwise.” An older alchemist couldn’t help but murmur after hearing Cao Guoyao’s challenge.

The power of Li Qiye’s wood mastery was as clear as day. It was extremely powerful! Anyone would be lost in awe, and Cao Guoyao had no way of comparing with him.

But now, if Li Qiye wanted to forego his advantage in wood mastery and compete with insect mastery instead, he would be put at a great disadvantage!

Li Qiye seemed to be enjoying things as he said: “It seems that you are very confident in your insect mastery. Since that is so, what will you bet to challenge me?”

“My life!” Cao Guoyao stood above his pavilion and laughed proudly to say: “My life is more precious than any treasure in this world! My... life can handle any bet!”

These words were spoken with complete confidence and pride. It was not strange for him to have such an attitude. As one of the four prodigies and the one most well-versed in pill refinement, his life

was indeed valuable, a unique treasure in the eyes of many.

Quite a lot of spectators were aghast at such a huge gamble; he was putting his life on the line! It was just as he said, his life was more valuable than anything else! This was no longer a simple bet.

“Betting your life for mine?” Li Qiye smiled and glanced at Cao Guoyao to lazily say: “I am not looking down on you, but my life is more precious than yours!”

Cao Guoyao snorted as a response, but he did not become angry. He coldly said: “I am a merciful person and do not wish to take your life. My demand is very simple. Should you lose, just hand over the secret manual of your dao of alchemy!”

His words were even more pleasant than a melody. From the beginning, he came for Li Qiye’s alchemy manual. Of course, if there was a chance to kill Li Qiye, he wouldn’t let it go for anything! To him, Li Qiye was his strongest opponent on the dao of alchemy; Li Qiye was no weaker than the white hair alchemist!

Many big shots that were watching from afar felt their hearts beating faster. They had heard rumors of Li Qiye’s dao of alchemy before, but the majority of them hadn’t seen it with their own eyes.

But it was different now. Right after seeing Li Qiye’s wood mastery, it would be a lie to say if these big shots were not tempted by his dao. Any lineage that could obtain his dao of alchemy would perhaps be able to train disciples just like the four prodigies.

They also recognized that since the very beginning, Cao Guoyao came for Li Qiye's dao of alchemy. It was no wonder why he started with an ambush from the Dark Serpent. This was because he didn't want to kill Li Qiye outright, he wanted to capture him instead.

"Okay, it doesn't matter if you are here for my life or for my alchemy manual." Li Qiye smiled and said while rubbing his palms together: "I have not played this game in a very long time, so I'll entertain you. You can start first so that when you die, you can't blame me for not giving you a chance."

"Good, since you are so kind, I will gladly oblige." Cao Guoyao let out a carefree laugh, but he was sneering in his mind.

He excelled at Insect and poison mastery. Moreover, he had cultivated for a very long time in these aspects and groomed many insects. He came prepared! Even if Li Qiye's dao of alchemy was peerless, how could Li Qiye compete with him without sufficient preparations?

Cao Guoyao took out an old urn. The moment it was opened, a very large spider came out from inside and squatted on the ground like a mound.

It was covered in green, steel hair. Its eyes emitted an awe-inspiring glow, and its terrorizing pair of fangs seemed to be able to bite through anything and erode everything.

“Moonplucking Arach!” A few powerful cultivators quivered upon seeing this huge spider. A knowledgeable alchemist from the previous generation was aghast as he called out its origin.

A Moonplucking Arach was not as frightening as what it appeared to be. In fact, it was not poisonous. However, its silk was extremely strong. Don’t dream about escaping once trapped in its web.

Thus, many powerful heavenly beasts and longevity spirits were doomed once they were trapped. No matter how much they struggled, they could only become its meal.

Its name meant that if even the moon in the sky were to be caught by its silk, the spider would bring it down. This meant that not only was the silk tough and flexible, it also spoke of its mighty power.

“Go, catch him!” Cao Guoyao issued his first command after releasing the spider. He had trained it for a very long time so it obeyed his commands without delay!

“Shhhhshh...” In an instant, the spider immediately jumped outside and spewed out a great amount of silk that instantly covered the sky. This web was formed at an astonishing speed.

To everyone’s surprise, the spider didn’t attack Li Qiye right away, it only continued spewing out more silk to form a large web. In a short period of time, its web sealed the entire area as well as the four directions. Countless strands of silk intertwined as if this

was its nest.

Anyone would feel creeped out by this scene. The mountain where Li Qiye stood and the surrounding one hundred miles was locked down by the webs! This land now seemed like the lair of the creature, causing all the spectators to feel a chill run down their backs.

“Pluffff—!” After sealing the area with its webs, it spewed out even more to form a net that flew towards Li Qiye.

The spider was swift, but Li Qiye was even faster. In the blink of an eye, Li Qiye evaded the incoming net with his great agility.

“Plufff!” As the spider’s nets kept on raining down, Li Qiye continued to shift his position at an incredible speed, causing the spider to fail time after time.

However, as he continued to dodge, more nets came down and his area to maneuver became limited. The spider was not just blindly spewing out its webs. Its ability to strategize was amazing. Each of its moves aimed to eventually seal Li Qiye’s retreat so that he would have nowhere left to run. At that point, he would become a prey trapped in its net.

In addition to the huge webs that locked down the area, the spider continuously forced Li Qiye to retreat so that he would run out of room. It seemed that his escape was an impossibility.

“If your insect mastery is lacking, then it is not too late to surrender.” Cao Guoyao was ecstatic watching Li Qiye dodging the webs; however, his external expression was one of righteousness. He smiled and said: “I will be very sad if the Moonplucking Arach were to hurt Brother Li. The dao of alchemy would lose a supreme genius, and I would lose a worthy opponent.”

In accordance with his plan, he acted generously and called Li Qiye a brother. In his eyes, Li Qiye had become trapped in his net, so how could he not put on this act?

Others were also anxious, seeing Li Qiye’s continual evasion. No matter how hard he tried, he wasn’t able to escape from the spider. Moreover, Li Qiye had yet to counter attack, so many thought that he wasn’t adept at insect mastery!

“Is that so? I’m just playing with you. Do you really think that this little art can actually trap me?” Li Qiye smiled and stared at the Moonplucking Arach before issuing a sharp cry.

“Plufff—” The spider grabbed onto this rare opportunity and spewed out a huge web towards Li Qiye.

This particular web was extremely fast and flew towards Li Qiye. However, Li Qiye didn’t try to dodge. Very shortly, he would be covered by this web.

Madam Zi Yan’s heart was hanging by a thread as she watched this scene. She fearfully exclaimed: “Watch out!”

“Xshhh...” However, the spider net that aimed for him was cut in half in the blink of an eye.

People finally saw a scorpion that crawled out of nowhere. It came from Li Qiye’s courtyard. This scorpion was even faster than the Moonplucking Arach! Right when it came out, its claw instantly cut the approaching net to save Li Qiye.

The scorpion could only be called tiny compared to the huge spider. It was only the size of a desk while its outward appearance was completely red with a hint of gold. More importantly, Its claws were extremely sharp.

“Divine Scorpion King.” Even Cao Guoyao was shocked after seeing this creature.

An alchemist who studied poisonous creatures startingly stated: “The bane of the Moonplucking Arach, the Divine Scorpion King! Its poison is unbelievable, and it also has a pair of extremely sharp claws that specialize in cutting spider webs.”

Chapter 755: Engulfing Serpent, Lightning Fly

Cao Guoyao was astounded after seeing the Divine Scorpion King. He was skilled in insect mastery so how could he not recognize it? He just didn't expect for Li Qiye to have one.

Earlier, he assumed that Li Qiye was unprepared. But now, after seeing the scorpion coming from Li Qiye's courtyard, he immediately realized that he had underestimated Li Qiye.

"Return..." He shouted out a command to the Moonplucking Arach. It was very precious and he didn't want it to die.

In fact, after seeing the scorpion, the spider wanted to escape right away. The scorpion was its nemesis, so it instinctively wanted to flee. However, after being trained by Cao Guoyao, it didn't dare to do so without his command!

It turned and fled out of its webs. However, the scorpion was much faster than it. With the sound of wind being split, the scorpion pierced through the webs that blocked its path and instantly caught up to the spider.

The spider was horrified and ran towards Cao Guoyao. It spewed out even more spider webs, but the scorpion was known as its bane for a reason; no matter how many webs it spewed out, it couldn't delay the scorpion. In an instant, the scorpion caught up and raised its tail. With a glint, its tail shot out needles and impaled the spider's body.

“Boom!” After being struck, the gigantic body of the spider immediately fell down and rolled fairly far before coming to a halt. When it stopped, its body had already gone stiff, struck dead.

Although the spider and its webs were mighty, it was not poisonous and met its bane. The poisonous needles of the scorpion were especially fatal to it. Death was assured the moment it got hit!

“He also knows how to control insects...” Even the spectating cultivators became speechless. Many of them realized that the rumors of his pill refinement skill had already been proven. Now, it seems that he could also control wood and insects — just how unfathomable was this? Perhaps his fortune on the dao of alchemy was no weaker than the four prodigies!

The crowd became anxious at Li Qiye’s accomplishments. If they could obtain that secret law, then the future potential of their sects would be unlimited.

Li Qiye shook his head and said: “What a shame for a Moonplucking Arach. It was a good poisonous creature, but it was too confident. Getting close to me was simply courting death.”

Cao Guoyao’s expression was quite unsightly at this moment. He snorted after realizing that he had fallen into Li Qiye’s trap. The wretch only retreated in order to kill his spider. If Li Qiye called out his scorpion from the beginning, then perhaps there was a chance for his spider to escape.

After knowing that Li Qiye was more skilled at insect mastery, Cao Guoyao became very alarmed. But now, he had to keep going since he was already riding the tiger. It didn't matter whether Li Qiye was strong or not, he had to brace himself and fight.

“Okay, I have seen your insect.” Li Qiye smiled and went back to his courtyard before stating: “Now, it is your turn to meet mine.”

Having said that, Li Qiye stomped on the ground as an alchemy law appeared. With a splash, the water inside the pond suddenly overflowed as if this little pond had become a giant lake.

“Aooo!” A ferocious beast rushed out of the pond at this moment. It was very large, taking up miles of space in an instant. It soared in the sky towards Cao Guoyao.

This was a creature that looked like a snake but was not a snake. It had four legs, a crocodile's head, and a serpent's body — quite fierce looking.

“Engulfing Sea Serpent!” The previous Alchemy Saint was aghast after seeing this monster. He was the first to retreat, immediately followed by many others.

“Splashh—” However, to the surprise of many, the huge monster did not use its body to attack Cao Guoyao. Instead, it spewed out a huge amount of water. This beam of water immediately crashed down to drown his mansion.

“Be careful...” Cao Guoyao’s expression changed after seeing this oncoming torrent. He also took out a treasure box to release another poisonous creature.

“Ahh—” However, Cao Guoyao was a bit too slow. The moment the torrential waves came crashing down, some of the disciples were hit and immediately began to scream. They fell to the ground as if they had been poisoned. After a twitching for a brief moment, they instantly died.

The Engulfing Sea Serpent was not poisonous, but the water it spewed out was quite bizarre. It could swiftly rush into the body of any living being and engulf their true fate to the point of drowning them!

With a small buzzing sound, Cao Guoyao released a very ugly looking toad. It opened its mouth to swallow the huge waves of water from the serpent.

It became a battle between the serpent crazily spewing out more water while the ugly toad devoured it. They quickly reached a stalemate as neither had the upper hand.

An alchemist that knew the toad’s origin emotionally stated: “Cao Guoyao deserves his fame regarding insect mastery. To be able to keep a ferocious and difficult-to-tame creature like the Sea Belly Toad around — truly amazing.”

“Ooo—” Li Qiye made a strange hum, and a similar hum resonated. An insect then flew out from a jar inside the courtyard.

This insect was extremely fast and quickly flew to Cao Guoyao's mansion. Many people couldn't even see it clearly.

Cao Guoyao was startled by this insect and shouted loudly: "Not good, retreat! It's a Lightning Fly!"

But it was too late. This insect instantly shot down a beam of lightning, striking the Sea Belly Toad. The toad fell to the ground with its belly facing upward and emitted a green smoke. It immediately died after being hit by this beam of lightning.

When people finally saw the creature, they found that it was a fly around the size of a fist. Dazzling light flashed inside its belly as if it contained a huge amount of lightning.

Lightning Fly — its name alone indicated its ability. It could send down bolts of lightning. Moreover, its flying speed was fast to the point of horrifying others.

"Splash!" Without the toad, the ferocious torrents from the serpent were on the verge of drowning Cao Guoyao's mansion once more.

"Ahh—" Suddenly, screams filled the air. The disciples closest to the water were the first to suffer; they all fell to the ground. The other experts hastily retreated.

However, misfortune does not come all at once. Although experts

could withstand the serpent's water for a moment, crackling thunder came about as lightning descended, causing a burning smell to permeate the air.

One could easily imagine the mansion drowned by water as the Lightning Fly unleashed its barrage. There was nowhere for the State of Cao's disciples to hide. In an instant, many of them died miserably to either of these elements.

After seeing the deaths of so many disciples, Cao Guoyao crazily shouted: "Li Qiye, you leave me with no choice!" At this moment, his fury was untethered and he didn't care for anything else. He wouldn't even mind killing Li Qiye!

"Die!" Cao Guoyao madly commanded the four steeldemons by his side! At this point, he was ready to massacre everything!

The four steeldemons took action. They were terrifying monstrosities! One could only see four flashing rays that intertwined like lightning. Even the Lightning Fly couldn't escape with its great speed!

The moment the rays disappeared, both the Engulfing Sea Serpent and the Lightning Fly were killed by the four demons. They were too powerful, so the two beasts didn't even have the chance to strike back.

"Divine Steeldemons, these four monsters are finally taking action." Many people fearfully quivered before such a scene.

“Rumor has it that these things will not give up until they see blood.” Even a Heavenly King trembled at this sight.

“Li Qiye, don’t blame me when you courted death!” The livid Cao Guoyao was in pain from losing so many disciples. Some were the elites of his country!

He ground his teeth and coldly uttered: “Hand over the alchemy manual right now, or else you wouldn’t be able to escape even if you had three heads and six hands!”

Li Qiye didn’t seem to mind at all. He smiled and slowly said: “Is that so? Go ahead and show off all of your abilities!”

“Forward! Slay him!” Cao Guoyao let out a deafening cry and commanded the demons.

These divine demons were extremely powerful and frightening. Ever since Cao Guoyao tamed them, they had yet to leave his side.

However, he was furious this time and would rather kill Li Qiye even if it meant not obtaining the alchemy manual! He would never let go of this vengeance!

“Divine Steeldemons, not bad.” Li Qiye narrowed his eyes while looking at the four steeldemons.

Chapter 756: Divine Steeldemons

Even the ancestors of great powers who came to watch from a distance became serious after seeing the four monsters. As for Heavenly Kings, they were all very cautious.

At this point, even more people became aware of this battle. Inside Alchemy City, a few undyings and ancestors who were here because of their juniors participating in the conference couldn't help but become interested, especially after Li Qiye defeated the Heaven's Will Crystal Physique. After this news spread, even the hidden ancestors had to show up.

The Divine Steeldemons, despite being called demons, were not actually demons. They were extremely poisonous creatures as well as a type of ferocious beast. Although a few creatures had a certain level of intelligence, these demons were very close to being as smart as cultivators.

Their bodies were as tough as steel. Ordinary treasures and weapons wouldn't be able to harm them in the slightest. Moreover, they were coated with a layer of extremely powerful toxin. Even Heavenly Kings wouldn't be able to repel this level of toxicity. In addition, their speed was also wondrous and their arms were like sabers. It was as if they were natural saber users. The moment they attacked with their arms, they would utilize some peerless saber arts.

Under their special saber arts and poison, ordinary kings wouldn't be able to escape death. One was already terrifying enough, but the four of them together was something else entirely.

They linked their consciousness so that they could bring forth the perfect offense and defense!

They oppressively headed towards Li Qiye as a black mist began to shroud their bodies. At this moment, their poison broke out; wherever they trod immediately turned black. The vegetation they passed by immediately withered and turned into a black liquid.

They turned the area into a poisonous wasteland. The living creatures couldn't escape and died tragically! Nothing could live in these locations as they turned this land into a dwelling of the dead.

"I'll accept these little toys." Li Qiye watched the furious demons poisoning the land and smiled. With a clanking sound, his Nine Sun Locking Heaven Law appeared. A gigantic lock fell out from his chest and locked his body.

In this moment, fire runes emerged all around his figure and covered him like a divine armor, protecting him.

"Here I come!" Li Qiye roared and used an unbelievable speed to rush forward. The moment he attacked, the four demons launched their counterattacks. They formed a formation as their saber-like arms unleashed a wondrous art!

In the blink of an eye, it seemed like stars were being cut down from the sky. When their saber formation slashed forward, a poisonous energy filled the air, engulfing the world within its mist. Any living creature that touched this mist would instantly die and turn into a black liquid.

“Could he stop the four demons without using his invincible treasure?” A few Stone Kings and Demon Monarchs watching the fight couldn’t help but murmur after seeing Li Qiye rush forward with his bare hands.

Back when the four demons rampaged over the lands of the Stone Realm, the number of Heavenly Kings that died at their hands was not few. They even destroyed an archaic sect. Even when its ancestor came into being, he still couldn’t save his sect. Eventually, his lifespan withered along with his blood energy. After being poisoned, he was killed by the demons.

“Pluff— pluff—” However, the slash of the demons couldn’t hit Li Qiye. They might be fast, but they were far from being comparable to Li Qiye’s soaring physique. Li Qiye then used his mighty weight along with his supreme speed to slam into the four demons.

Just imagine the terrifying impact from the combination of the two physiques! Even the steeldemons couldn’t handle it and were blown away instantly. One could even hear the sound of something breaking.

Due to the collision with Li Qiye, cracks actually appeared on their tough bodies! It was a shame that they met Li Qiye. Li Qiye’s body could even destroy treasures of the Heavenly King level, let alone their bodies; it didn’t matter how tough they might be.

“Impossible...” Even Cao Guoyao was in disbelief after seeing this

sudden development. He knew just how powerful his four demons were. Deadly poison, unsurpassed speed, incredible saber technique, perfect and inscrutable offense and defense...

All of these things allowed his demons to triumph over all in the Heavenly King realm. They could even have a chance of harming an ordinary Virtuous Paragon. Because of this, he wasn't afraid of powerful enemies with them guarding him.

However, Li Qiye not only blew them away, he showed no signs of being poisoned even after directly confronting the monsters. How could Cao Guoyao accept this?

As a great alchemist, the moment he came into contact with the four demons' poison, he would still need to use precious medicines to protect his own body. Otherwise, death was assured. However, Li Qiye was unharmed even after direct contact, as if the poison couldn't hurt him.

How could Cao Guoyao know that Li Qiye also cultivated the Void Imperfection Physique? Imperfection was not to be found on this physique, and myriad laws were unable to invade it. Great toxins were not able to harm it. Moreover, Li Qiye's heaven sealing law was also locking his body. The endless refined fire would not allow the poison to invade his body!

"Just what physique does this brat cultivate? What kind of emperor law is this?" Even an old undying was shaken after seeing this.

His unparalleled speed and absolute force left others in dismay. Just what kind of physique or merit law might this be?

After the four demons were blown away, four refined fiery laws like divine chains flew out from Li Qiye's hand while issuing clanking noises. They instantly coiled around the four monsters and sealed them. At this point, only strange sizzling sounds could be heard.

Under the terrifying flames of refinement, its law imprinted itself on the monsters' bodies. Green smoke came out but was sealed right away so they couldn't run.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!" All of a sudden, detonations due to collisions could be heard nonstop. Li Qiye swung the four fiery laws around as if he was playing with kites. The four demons were swung around in the sky powerlessly and slammed into each other. After continuous impacts, even more cracks appeared on their bodies. If this were to continue, even their tough bodies would eventually shatter.

Although they wanted to use their poison to bypass the fiery laws to kill Li Qiye, this was essentially impossible. The fire from Li Qiye's heaven sealing law was incredible. It consisted of refined flames from the sun, karmic fire from cultivators, and also fire from his cauldron of life... After arduous refinement, this type of fire could easily burn the poison of the demons!

"Is this actually happening?" Many people rolled their eyes after seeing Li Qiye swinging the demons into each other like kites. The force of the collisions caused even the sky to shake.

Even Heavenly Kings paled after hearing about the four rampaging demons in the past, but now, Li Qiye easily dispatched them in such a manner, so how could the crowd not be dumbfounded?

Cao Guoyao was both shocked and angry after seeing this. In the past, in order to tame these four demons, he had expended countless efforts. During the taming process, their State of Cao lost numerous experts.

But now, his four strongest demons seemed extremely fragile before Li Qiye.

“Boom!” Eventually, the four demons fell onto the ground and couldn’t tell north from south. Under the numerous collisions, their bodies almost broke apart.

Before they had the chance to fight back, a chapter appeared in Li Qiye’s hand. Alchemy laws came out from it to form runic symbols. With a buzz, these runic symbols instantly imprinted themselves into the heads of the four demons before disappearing.

After this process was over, the four demons suddenly became frozen as if a martial arts expert had knocked on their meridians.

Li Qiye clapped his hands and cheerfully said after sealing the four demons: “I’ll accept these little things from you, with some reluctance of course...”

With an ugly expression, Cao Guoyao shouted: “Return!”

He commanded the four demons, but they had no response. After issuing the command several more times without any response, he became even more livid.

After overpowering the demons, he needed several more years to tame them so that they would show absolute obedience to his commands. But now, Li Qiye managed to gain control of them so quickly. He simply couldn't believe it!

How could he know that Li Qiye cultivated the Alchemy God's Grand Canon? Inside were many writings about techniques for controlling poisonous creatures!

The angry Cao Guoyao yelled at Li Qiye in a deep tone: “Li Qiye, our bet was about insect mastery, not brute force!”

At this point, he had no time to call Li Qiye brother any longer. The only thing he wanted to do was to kill Li Qiye!

“Yes, we are competing in insect mastery.” Li Qiye cheerfully responded: “Earlier, you were controlling the four demons, and I have now tamed them. Therefore, it is my turn to control the demons and your turn to tame them. Don't disappoint everyone here, they initially belonged to you after all. If you can't even tame them again, then I cannot guarantee what will happen.” Having said that, a universal law flashed on his forehead and reached the four demons.

Chapter 757: A Sky Full Of Stars

After Li Qiye assumed control, the four demons rushed towards Cao Guoyao like puppets.

“Get out!” Cao Guoyao was aghast at the oncoming offense and shouted towards the experts of the State of Cao lucky enough to have kept their lives.

However, it was too late. Cao Guoyao’s words had just come out, but the demons already arrived with their unbelievable speed and were accompanied by a poisonous storm that enveloped the mansion in an instant.

Many disciples quickly took out antidotes, to varying success. Some were able to withstand this poison, but most were not. After being infected, the unfortunate disciples screamed pitifully and fell prey, one after another, to the poison.

The shocked Cao Guoyao immediately summoned a cauldron to release a huge amount of the antidote. Although his antidote could dissolve the poison, flashing glints appeared. Blood spurted everywhere as those who did not die to the poison were all killed by the demons’ blades!

Personally witnessing a tragedy like this made his heart bleed. All of the remaining experts and disciples from the State of Cao were massacred by his own former guardians. They didn’t even have the chance to run!

Li Qiye shook his head and said: “What a pity, you couldn’t even control your own pets.”

At this point, after killing all the people from the State of Cao, the demons changed their target to Cao Guoyao. His countenance was completely blanched at this moment. Even if he could handle the poison, he wouldn’t be able to escape their saber techniques.

“Senior, save me!” In the face of death, Cao Guoyao let out a cry.

“Boom!” With a loud explosion, a terrifying presence erupted forth. Before the people knew what was going on, the four demons that were flying towards Cao Guoyao were blown away by a sweeping aura!

“This is...” Many people trembled before this sudden surge of might. An existence capable of emitting such a powerful aura was definitely a Virtuous Paragon. Moreover, it was not an ordinary paragon!

The person blew away the four demons but still didn’t show himself. This made those who were paying attention to this fight very anxious; they understood that Cao Guoyao’s true ace was not his poisonous beasts.

The four demons wanted to have a second bout, but Li Qiye’s law flashed on their bodies and recalled them.

He looked towards Cao Guoyao’s mansion with narrowed eyes

then smiled and said: “Was this not an insect mastery competition? Why go back on your words?”

Cao Guoyao was trembling with rage. His face was pale and his eyes were red; Li Qiye had killed so many of his disciples that he wanted nothing more than to eat his flesh and drink his blood!

“Li Qiye, you leave me with no choice. I will grind your bones to ashes!” Cao Guoyao madly uttered. He swore to never let this go!

Amidst his descent into madness, he opened up a box. With a buzz, countless silver specks came flying out the moment it was opened.

Screams could be heard coming from wherever these silver specks passed. They first attacked the closest cultivators. Many nearby spectators screamed then suddenly grew quiet!

The cultivators in the way of the silver specks were immediately turned into ashes and dispersed. In the next second, these specks swept everywhere and covered the sky. Plants and animals were annihilated wherever the specks flew!

In a short period of time, the entire area became barren. If one were to compare it to a head, then it would be a bare skull that was scraped by a sharp knife until there was nothing left. After one clean sweep, a number of specks doubled as if they had their fill and continued to multiply.

This scene scared many people. The spectators who were lucky enough to be alive were shivering in fear and immediately ran back to Alchemy City. They no longer dared to come back out.

“Myriad Stardust!” A few big characters, old undyings, and real ancestors were surprised to see these specks.

“This is... Myriad Stardust!” An old alchemist that gazed at the scene through an observatory was scared off his seat and fell to the ground.

Myriad Stardust! This was a pleasant-sounding name, but those who actually knew about it would be creeped out.

Some said that this stardust consisted of poisonous insects while others believed that they were just fierce beasts. Each speck was tiny to the point where ordinary people couldn't see its shape.

This stardust always came in large swarms. If they left their group, they wouldn't be able to survive. They weren't poisonous, but they were more frightening than any poisonous insect.

They numbered in the thousands and could eat through anything by instantly drilling countless holes into their prey before draining the creature dry. After doing so, these victims — no matter who or what they might be — would instantly turn into powder. Moreover, after they devoured a sufficient amount, they could instantly reproduce and double their numbers.

Without a method of restraining them, they would sweep through everything in a brief moment — truly worth palpitating over!

However, they were very rare. Obtaining these creatures were prohibitively difficult. Cao Guoyao paid a huge price for his Myriad Stardust by trading a supreme treasure to the Insect Swarm Valley.

At the time of the transaction, the valley had warned him not to release the stardust unless there was no other option because very few people in this world could subdue these creatures besides them!

After seeing and knowing what they were, even the ancestors of the great powers were aghast. This stardust was ferocious and even more terrifying than a locust swarm. Unless someone was powerful enough to destroy them in one blow, they would put an end to all the places they went!

“Myriad Stardust!” Even Li Qiye’s expression slightly sank after seeing the silver color in the sky.

Cao Guoyao whistled and the stardust soared towards Li Qiye in an unstoppable manner like a flood.

“The stardust is coming!” Even Yuan Caihe was shaken to see the approaching wave.

“Today is your funeral!” Cao Guoyao shouted with a cruel visage.

He could only use a special whistle to direct the stardust to their target, but he couldn't control them. Moreover, once the swarm reached a certain size, he would lose control completely.

This meant that upon release, he had no way of recovering them.

“Imperial bull...” Li Qiye called out in response. The Imperial Draco-Bull immediately jumped out of the courtyard and guarded the front of Li Qiye.

“Mooo—” The bull bellowed a cry that resembled a dragon's roar. A powerful draconic aura swept through the sky like a flood and headed straight towards the countless stardust.

In just a moment, it seemed as if countless snowflakes fell down from the sky as a large portion of the stardust was assaulted by the mighty roar of the bull.

“Now!” During their plunge, Li Qiye summoned the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron. With an explosion, a divine flame from the mouth of the cauldron engulfed the sky, devouring all the falling stardust.

Next, the boundless cauldron flame turned into countless fiery needles that pierced the extremely tiny bodies of the stardust, marking minuscule runes on them!

As the cauldron spewed out more flames and thus created more runes, Li Qiye aimed to use them to refine these countless specks of

stardust.

After some time, Li Qiye finally recalled the cauldron and let out a cry. A new set of stardust flew out of the cauldron and covered the sky. One could only see them floating above his head as if it was another galaxy entirely.

The only difference was that these stardust carried a fiery glow as they gathered together. Inside this galaxy were fiery sparks made from intertwined runes, forming a huge net.

Under Li Qiye's control, the stardust above his head danced around in the sky. Sometimes they turned into a giant, at other times a mountain, or even just its original form of a cosmos. His control over them was absolute and effortless. They had become his supporters.

As the Dark Crow, Li Qiye had tamed countless evil and poisonous creatures with the Alchemy God, and Myriad Stardust was no exception. This chance meeting today became very simple due to him having the Imperial Draco-Bull and the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron.

“This, this is impossible!” Cao Guoyao dropped to the ground and looked at the situation in disbelief!

Once released, he wouldn't be able to control these stardust. Even in the Insect Swarm Valley, only three people could truly control them.

But now, Li Qiye easily tamed them with complete mastery. This was even more amazing than an ancestor of the valley!

Chapter 758: Xian Clan Of The Alchemy Kingdom

Many people gasped at the stardust changing masters. Of course, the one who was most frightened was Cao Guoyao since he had far greater knowledge of how terrifying they were.

Even those in Alchemy City who watched using a heavenly mirror felt a cold chill running down their spines. Everyone held their breaths at this moment.

“You can’t even control Myriad Stardust yet you still dare claim to have mastery over insects... You truly think too highly of yourself.” Li Qiye smiled dismissively and said: “Today, I will open your eyes and show you what is truly considered insect mastery!”

Having said that, Li Qiye ordered the transforming stardust above his head with a shout: “Go!”

Suddenly, all of the stardust rushed towards Cao Guoyao like a tsunami.

Cao Guoyao was scared out of his wits due to this horrifying spectacle and cried out: “No—”

“Boom!” In this hour before death, a dark shadow emerged and carried Cao Guoyao towards Alchemy City at an incredible speed. They disappeared in the horizon in just the blink of an eye.

This shadow appeared too quickly. However, there were still a few who managed to see that it was an old man. Unfortunately, due to his swift speed, no one could see his face clearly.

“Whooosh!” When the stardust came down and swept through Cao Guoyao’s mansion, the whole place turned into ashes which were dispersed by the wind in a matter of seconds.

Anyone would be shocked at such a brutal scene. In the present times, only Virtuous Paragons would be able to confront these fierce little things. However, even ordinary paragons would have a hard time against them.

Li Qiye recalled the stardust after Cao Guoyao was saved by the shadow and stored them away. He didn’t let them continue to chase the enemy.

Looking at the location where Cao Guoyao ran off to, Li Qiye smiled and said: “This is one of the four alchemy prodigies? In my eyes, he is just [a beaten dog](#).”

Raw is a homeless dog, or a dog whose house is hosting a funeral. It sounds better in chinese, but beaten dog makes more sense in English for this situation

People would definitely ridicule such words if spoken prior to these events, but now, anyone who saw this understood that Li Qiye definitely had the ability to challenge the four prodigies. Even Cao Guoyao ran away like a dog with its tail tucked between its legs. The others might not be able to defeat Li Qiye either.

Silence abruptly ensued. Many people began to wonder after seeing these scenes. A few were in awe of Li Qiye's powerful dao of alchemy. There were also those who coveted his technique while others tried to contain their grievances toward him.

After Li Qiye returned to his abode, Tie Yi immediately came and said: "The palace of the World-Pillar Monarch from the Xian Clan! The shadow brought Cao Guoyao to this place."

"The Alchemy Kingdom's Xian Clan..." Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and cheerfully smirked.

Madam Zi Yan softly said: "Cao Guoyao's actions might not have been due to his will alone. It seems that the Xian Clan had a hand in it as well. The World-Pillar Monarch married a Huangfu daughter, and now Cao Guoyao was rescued by the Xian Clan. I'm afraid this means that the Huangfu Clan, the Xian Clan, and perhaps even the State of Cao are on the same side. Maybe the Alchemy Kingdom is involved as well."

"The forefather of the Xian Clan is also an ancestor of the Alchemy Kingdom." Yuan Caihe reminded Li Qiye: "It will be problematic if the Alchemy Kingdom is involved."

"No problem at all." Li Qiye said with a smile: "Hand over Cao Guoyao and everything will be negotiable. If not, I will trample the Xian Clan. Protecting my enemy is akin to opposing me!"

"If you try to destroy the Xian Clan, it would be the same as declaring war on the Alchemy Kingdom." Even Tie Yi kindly

reminded Li Qiye at this time.

In today's Stone Medicine World, everyone knew that the Alchemy Kingdom was unshakable. From the ancient ages till now, it had gone through numerous trials and tribulations. Who would dare to oppose them?

Li Qiye only smiled regarding this matter and didn't say anything else. Tie Yi quietly sighed and understood that a storm was swiftly approaching.

There were no windproof walls or paper capable of wrapping up fire in this world. When Cao Guoyao was rescued, someone saw the shadow of the figure who brought him into the Xian Clan.

This news spread very quickly, causing the spectators to look at each other after hearing this. However, no one recklessly stated their opinion.

Many big shots knew that the Xian Clan had close ties to the imperial family. It could even be said that in a sense, the Xian Clan was a branch of the imperial family!

The World-Pillar Monarch, Xian Miao, had a much weaker status among the royals in comparison to the Observant Monarch. With his great prestige, the Observant Monarch could be considered the leader of this rank.

Of course, as part of the younger generation, Xian Miao was also

famous since he made many meritorious contributions to the Alchemy Kingdom. Due to his young age, his future looked very promising. However, there was an aspect that the Observant Monarch couldn't compare to Xian Miao — their clan. The Observant Monarch's clan was far weaker than the Xian Clan.

The Xian Ancestor was still alive. Moreover, he was buried within the ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom. Just this alone was enough to show the extraordinary position of the Xian Clan in the kingdom.

Right now, this rescue meant that the Xian Clan were involving themselves in this matter, and to a certain extent, this also suggested a connection to the Alchemy Kingdom.

Once the kingdom became involved, no lineage or sect, Demon Monarch or Stone King would dare to utter a word. Those with keen eyes were able to see that no one would oppose the kingdom, so a big feud would turn into a minor one, and a minor one would turn into nothing at all.

When everyone thought that peace would come, Li Qiye issued his declaration on top of his mountain: "Xian Clan, hand Cao Guoyao over. If not, then don't blame me for my lack of consideration."

These words left many experts from the great powers and imperial lineages that were staying as guests at Alchemy City amazed. They all felt that this was way too arrogant. Everyone assumed that Li Qiye would let things drop after Cao Guoyao was rescued by the Xian Clan. No one wanted to provoke the beehive

that was the Xian Clan and the Alchemy Kingdom.

In their opinion, Li Qiye had achieved his purpose by defeating Cao Guoyao. This would win him great fame, and maybe he could even replace Cao Guoyao as one of the four prodigies.

Such an accomplishment to any alchemist, especially a young one, was amazing. A smart person should know when enough was enough so that everyone could be happy!

However, Li Qiye came out of nowhere and was forcing the Xian Clan to hand over Cao Guoyao. How could people not be taken aback?

“Challenging the Xian Clan at Alchemy City... Not to mention the younger generation, very few from the older generation would dare to do this.” A ruler was startled after hearing Li Qiye’s demand.

A Demon Monarch murmured: “This kid is truly ruthless. First, he killed the Huangfu Ancestor and now, he is challenging the Xian Clan. The Xian Ancestor is still alive, yet he still dares to provoke him.”

In addition to surprise, many thought that this was an extremely unwise decision. Li Qiye was on a victorious streak, but challenging the Xian Clan could only be described as suicidal.

“Brother Li, dying is but one’s head falling to the ground.” After

Li Qiye revealed his intention, the current master of the Xian Clan, the World-Pillar Monarch, had to show himself and communicated with Li Qiye out in the open: “Brother Cao had acknowledged his defeat, so why the need to be so aggressive?”

“Calling me brother now?” Li Qiye spared the monarch no cordiality and said: “You can call me brother after you hand over Cao Guoyao. And what is this about heads falling to the ground? What nonsense. He had lost, so according to our agreement, he has to hand over his life. If not, then don’t blame me for being merciless!”

The monarch’s expression sank after Li Qiye refused to give him any face. Not mentioning the entire Stone Medicine World, at the very least, very few people in Alchemy City would not show his Xian Clan some respect.

But now, a human junior like Li Qiye was being so audacious. He could no longer bear this affront.

“Brother Li, I am sincerely trying to mediate things between you two.” Xian Miao lowered his tone and said: “If Brother Li is willing, then our door is always open for negotiation regarding Brother Cao’s matters...”

Although this was a conversation out in the open, Li Qiye still interrupted him and said: “There is nothing to discuss. One has to face the consequences of defeat. Let Cao Guoyao hand his life over, and I will pretend as if nothing had happened!”

“Li Qiye, don’t push it!” Eventually, Xian Miao lost his cool and uttered: “Alchemy City is not a lawless place for you to do as you wish!”

Li Qiye raised his brow and said: “So what if this is Alchemy City? Even if this was the Immortal World, I would still do as I pleased.”

“If your Xian Clan wants some respect, then I’ll give you some. Hand Cao Guoyao over, and I will not go to your Xian Clan to cause trouble!” Li Qiye stated indifferently.

Xian Miao coldly responded: “And if we don’t?”

Li Qiye smiled cheerfully and said: “If not, then I will annihilate your Xian Clan. Of course, I am a merciful person. I will give your Xian Clan three days to reconsider. Within three days, feel free to send away your young and old or dismiss your disciples. All in all, three days later, I will personally come to your Xian Clan!”

Although this conversation echoed across the sky so no one could interrupt them, many shuddered after hearing Li Qiye’s declaration of annihilating the Xian Clan!

Chapter 759: Confrontation

Annihilating the Xian Clan — such words would be incredibly arrogant no matter which sect or imperial lineage uttered them! The Alchemy Kingdom would not idly sit by and do nothing as the Xian Clan was destroyed.

Such a declaration was like thunder ringing beside one's ear. Someone couldn't help but murmur: "So arrogant! Does he think there is no one here at the Alchemy Kingdom?"

Xian Miao's expression was unsightly to the extreme. Ever since his Xian Clan separated from the imperial family to form its own clan, no one had ever declared such a thing towards their clan!

"Good, Li, our Xian Clan also wants to see just what you can do." He also left behind a tough and cold response: "We will definitely protect Brother Cao! If you are unconvinced, then come! We'll take on your schemes!"

Xian Miao ended this conversation and turned back to enter his palace.

"Three days later, I will visit your Xian Clan. Destruction will ensue if you don't hand Cao Guoyao over to me." Li Qiye didn't care for the monarch's response. After saying his last words, he also went back inside his courtyard.

Everyone's eyes widened after hearing such strong words. They all thought that both sides would reach an agreement regarding

this matter.

“Are we really doing this?” After Li Qiye came back, Tie Yi couldn’t help but ask with a wry smile.

Li Qiye glanced at him and said: “You should know very well whether the Xian Clan truly wants to resolve this peacefully or not. They are just posturing and want nothing more than for me to come to their door. That little skit earlier was only for show so that the world knows that their Xian Clan has the moral high ground. Even if I didn’t mention attacking their clan, they would still find a reason for me to go there. At that time, they would have the justification to do as they wish.” Having spoken to this point, he couldn’t help but smile.

“Big Brother, you might as well try to reason with them.” Yuan Caihe said softly.

Li Qiye laughed and said: “Why should I? They should be the ones coming to me. If they were sincere and wanted peace, then they wouldn’t have replied via spatial message. They would have come to my place and let Cao Guoyao accept his punishment — this would be true sincerity!”

“Of course, they are not acting in good faith. This is even better, I like unreasonable people.” Li Qiye leisurely explained: “As the saying goes, one does not slap a smiling face. If people kneel down and beg for forgiveness, then I really can’t just kill them. However, for those who arrogantly deal with me, let them come! Only when dealing with unreasonable people would I be able to kill as I please!”

Yuan Caihe gave up. She had a kind heart and understood that Li Qiye was ready to rumble the moment he set foot into this city. It was unfortunate that the Xian Clan didn't know this yet.

The entire city was in an uproar after Li Qiye's declaration spread.

“No way, is this real? Li Qiye actually said these words? This is Alchemy City, not some random place. It is only one step away from the ancestral ground. To make such a declaration... was he insane?”

The first reaction was, of course, disbelief.

A cultivator who knew a few tales of Li Qiye said: “This Li Qiye person has stayed true to his words ever since his debut. I'm afraid this is not just tough talk.”

“Just what is this kid's hidden ace?” Even Demon Kings and ancestors who had experienced many things had to wonder: “Don't tell me a big character from Alpine Mountain is here to back him up?”

Some people also arrived at this conclusion, but no one had heard of an Alpine Ancestor coming into being. It could even be said that when Li Qiye made his declaration, Alpine Mountain didn't have any reaction at all. This made them very confused as to just what was hidden in Li Qiye's hands. Just how powerful was it to let him say that he would destroy the Xian Clan, challenging the Alchemy

Kingdom's prestige?

While many people discussed this issue with doubts, a certain person was very satisfied with their work and murmured: "Yes, kill everything until even the sky shatters. Alchemy Kingdom, Allpine Mountain, State of Cao, Radiant-Sea Sect... Nothing would be better if all of these sects become involved in this conflict!"

A complacent, cold laughter resounded in the darkness. This person was ready to reap the benefits from this turmoil!

After the first day, both the Xian Clan and the Alchemy Kingdom didn't make any move. Likewise, Li Qiye remained unperturbed.

However, on the second day, someone came to visit Li Qiye. He was the Observant Monarch, the leader of the monarchs in the kingdom.

Li Qiye continued to show consideration and granted him an audience.

"Is Observant Monarch here because of the Xian Clan's matter?" Li Qiye got straight to the point after seeing him.

The monarch had a bitter expression as he responded: "Young Noble Li, I am also very helpless here. The other monarchs chose me as the envoy, so I had no choice."

Li Qiye looked at him and spoke calmly: “The other monarchs?”

The monarch exasperatedly replied: “The monarchs don’t want this matter to reach the point of no return. Our Alchemy Kingdom has always maintained a low profile and does not wish for a grand battle to occur inside the Alchemy Realm. Moreover, the alchemy conference is about to take place. Even if the ancestors from the imperial family do not blame us, we monarchs will still feel responsible. We are unable to ignore this matter, but we also don’t have the ability to settle it.”

“Settle this matter?” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head in response: “Observant Monarch, it is not that I am refusing to give you or the other monarchs from your kingdom any face. You should know very well that the issue is not on my side, it is the Xian Clan’s.”

The monarch couldn’t help but smile wryly at Li Qiye’s reply.

Li Qiye chuckled and said: “If the other monarchs want to settle this matter, then it could be very simple. Tell the Xian Clan to hand over Cao Guoyao.”

The helpless monarch replied: “Before coming to see Young Noble Li, I took a trip to the Xian Clan. The World-Pillar Monarch’s attitude was unyielding. Unless Young Noble Li starts by apologizing to the Xian Clan, there will be no negotiations regarding Cao Guoyao.”

“Not bad.” Li Qiye was not surprised at all and said: “Then we’ll deal with it two days later. I am more than happy to personally visit the Xian Clan.”

The monarch softly sighed. He knew that there wouldn’t be a peaceful resolution. In fact, he knew a lot more than the other nobles. Before coming, he already predicted this result. However, the monarchs pushed him here, so he had to take the trip regardless.

“Young Noble Li, sometimes, taking one step back is the right way to go.” The monarch tried to persuade Li Qiye once more: “If this was before, then I and the other monarchs could pressure the World-Pillar Monarch into giving us some face. However, he is very confident at this moment, so I’m afraid your arrival is just what he wants.”

Li Qiye cheerfully asked: “So what?”

The monarch hesitated for a moment before eventually continuing: “Right now, I can say for certain that the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor and the Xian Alchemy Ancestor are residing in the Xian Clan. Although people said that the Alchemy Ancestor had left, I’m quite certain that he is still there. I am putting myself at great risks by revealing this news to Young Noble Li.”

“I appreciate Monarch’s thoughtfulness.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Since someone dug such a big hole for me, I would truly feel sorry for their hard work if I didn’t jump in.”

Although the frustrated monarch wanted to settle this matter, it was beyond his power. Even though this whole incident had dire consequences with deeply involved parties, nothing would be resolved unless the imperial family was willing to step in.

“Young Noble Li, I am not underestimating you.” The monarch ultimately held onto his objective of persuasion and said: “Even though the Xian Alchemy Ancestor is not considered an apex existence with regards to cultivation, His Venerable is still a great paragon. As for the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor, there is no need to speak further of his might.”

The monarch paused for a moment before continuing: “Although Allpine Mountain supports Young Noble, Young Noble should also know that the Alchemy Ancestor has great ties with some of our imperial family’s extremely powerful ancestors. If Virtuous Paragons from Allpine Mountain become involved, then the ancestors from the imperial family will not sit idly by.”

His words made it clear that if Allpine Mountain helped Li Qiye, then the behemoth that is the imperial family would absolutely step in.

Li Qiye chuckled and said: “As for this, you need not worry, Monarch. There is no need for Allpine Mountain to assist me if it is only destroying a Xian Clan. I alone am more than enough.”

The monarch gave up when things came to this point. The only thing he could do was to gently sigh.

Li Qiye continued: “However, since Monarch is so sincere, I will ask you to send out some words. Tell the Xian Clan to send away their young and old. I do not hope that on the day I go, I will have to kill the feeble and weak. Tell them to not be optimistic. I will stay true to my words in destroying the Xian Clan. Even if your imperial family takes action, nothing will change!”

Li Qiye’s eyes became fierce as a terrifying murderous intent rose. He resembled an awakened prehistoric beast at this moment.

The monarch shuddered after feeling Li Qiye’s murderous intent and understood that he was not just bluffing.

“Young Noble Li, I will deliver your words.” In the end, the monarch cupped his hands and bowed deeply before leaving.

Chapter 760: Surging Undercurrent

These three days seemed particularly slow, as if each day was as long as a year. Countless eyes were on Li Qiye and the Xian Clan as many people held their breaths in anticipation.

On the third day when the sun set in the west, many people waited for the sun to rise again. Inside Alchemy City, the crowd was ready for the upcoming battle.

At sunset, Li Qiye once again sent a message stating: “One night remains. If the Xian Clan still harbors their young and weak, then send them away now. Tomorrow, the Xian Clan shall turn into smoke. I am a merciful person and will allow time for you to send them away!”

These words spread across the entire city and the Xian Clan.

“Hmph...” But this time, no one showed up from their side, only a snort came as a response.

The moment this snort appeared, countless souls from those who heard it left their bodies. They quivered due to this threatening snort.

A Demon King felt a chill and murmured: “Was that a Virtuous Paragon?”

An old undying realized something and said in astonishment: “It

is not an ordinary paragon. Even if it is not someone who is stepping onto the path of the heavens or the path of the grand era, they are still a peak paragon.”

Virtuous Paragon was a general title. This realm was vast, and once a paragon reached a certain level, they would be presented with two possible paths. One was to head for the Heaven’s Will. This road took one to compete for the Heaven’s Will to become the emperor.

The other path was to reach sublimation of the paragon realm so that they could obtain the divine investiture. This path would not compete for the Heaven’s Will. Once they reached the apex, these beings would be bestowed the title of Godking or maybe the even higher title of being an Emperor Assailant!

Before they stepped on these two paths, all paragons would be considered ordinary paragons. Ordinary paragons had five levels. In ascending order, they are Early Era Paragon, Rising Era Paragon, Peaceful Era Paragon, Prosperous Era Paragon, and Golden Era Paragon.

The five levels of ordinary paragons were easy to understand. Early Era Paragon meant the start of a new paragon. Being a Rising Paragon meant reaching some success during their generation. Peaceful Paragon meant that the being had the power to calm an era. Prosperous Paragons were able to strengthen their era while Golden Paragons were able to illuminate their era!

On this night, the Xian Clan’s snort disturbed the entire city. Many were aghast after hearing this sound. Some guessed that

there was an extraordinary paragon residing within their residence.

There were no eternal secrets in this world. After the night's curtain fell, news came out of nowhere regarding the Xian Alchemy Ancestor staying at their residence.

“Rumor has it that the Xian Alchemy Ancestor has long been a Legendary Alchemist but couldn't reach Alchemy Emperor. It looks like he is actually a legendary master as well!” The hearts of many sank after hearing this voice. More often than not, juniors couldn't really gauge the paragon realm, so they only used general titles.

For example, old undyings or great powers' ancestors were mostly ordinary paragons. The majority of them were Early Era Paragons or Rising Era Paragons. Only a few of them were Golden Era Paragons.

Those known as legendary masters were no longer ordinary. They were definitely Golden Era Paragons, top level ones at that. They could even be paragons who had embarked on one of the two paths!

The first thought of those that learned that a legendary master was in the Xian Clan was that Li Qiye should stop messing around!

The Xian Alchemy Ancestor being there didn't only mean they had earned his personal support, it also meant that the imperial family had revealed their stance because the ancestor was

previously buried inside their ancestral ground. It could be interpreted as the imperial family supporting the Xian Clan.

“It seems like this is going to be a huge deal.” A Stone King with a good intelligence network spoke with someone next to him: “The Xian Clan does not only have the Xian Alchemy Ancestor, all five of their elders have also joined while the young and old were moved away to a different branch. It seems that the World-Pillar Monarch has earned the support from the clan and is ready to play.”

The Xian Clan was one of the branches of the imperial family, but the Xian Clan of today was not the one that originally separated. After the Xian Clan left the imperial branch, they formed several different clans. The Xian Clan of the World-Pillar Monarch was only one among many.

Now that their forefather, the Xian Alchemy Ancestor was back, how could the other clans of Xian not support the World-Pillar Monarch? With their full support, it seems that the monarch had sufficient force.

A worried cultivator murmured: “If the World-Pillar Monarch’s clan has earned the support of the imperial family, then even if Li Qiye is backed by the Allpine Treefather, I’m afraid he won’t be able to do anything.”

On this night, the entire city was silent as everyone waited for the sunrise and the battle.

Ming Yexue slowly wandered around her garden inside an alchemy garden in the kingdom's ancestral ground. She was enjoying the spirit medicines as Grandma Bai came to inform her of the newest information.

“What is the Xian Forefather trying to do?” The grandma couldn't help but say after informing Ming Yexue: “He is not a foolish person. How could he become involved in the affairs of juniors? I wonder what benefits the Huangfu Clan promised him...”

The charming Ming Yexue was quietly savoring the spirit medicines. It seemed that her appearance was always alluring and fascinating.

“The Xian Forefather has certainly been bewitched by the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor.” Ming Yexue withdrew her gaze and mused: “What could the Huangfu Clan possibly have to move an ancestor from our kingdom?”

Ming Yexue's words were correct. As an ancestor from the kingdom, the Alchemy Ancestor could have whatever he wanted. A clan like the Huangfu had nothing that could tempt him.

“The Xian Forefather didn't mind coming into being and letting go of all pretenses. He even prepared a trap for Li Qiye... This is simply him coveting the manual of Li Qiye's dao of alchemy.” Ming Yexue spoke graceful words that would enchant all those who listened.

Grandma Bai couldn't help but wryly smile and say: "The Xian Forefather is being too greedy. He is already at the peak and is only one step away from becoming an Alchemy Emperor. Plus, our kingdom has the alchemy manuals from four different Alchemy Emperors — this should be more than enough."

"Grandma, this is different than before." Ming Yexue shook her head and said: "If, say, the Xian Forefather was only a simple Legendary Alchemist, then it would be a different story. However, he has been just one step away from Alchemy Emperor for so long now!"

"Does that mean he still has aspirations of becoming one even now?" The grandma wryly smiled and said: "With his current age and his dried longevity blood, even if he could become enlightened, would his blood energy be able to bear the final dao test?"

Ming Yexue nodded and said: "Yes, he does want to become an Alchemy Emperor. He cultivated the supreme manuals of our ancestors, but he still couldn't fathom all of it or surpass the final test! He needs a different alchemy manual to help him become an Alchemy Emperor!"

"Li Qiye's dao of alchemy can't help him become an Alchemy Emperor." The grandma didn't believe such a thing.

Regarding the dao of alchemy, their kingdom was untouchable in the entire Stone Medicine World. They had produced four

Alchemy Emperors, so they had the most complete dao of alchemy manual in this world. No lineage could compare when it came to their alchemy dao.

Ming Yexue gently shook her head and said: “It’s hard to say. However, after the forefather heard about Li Qiye refining pills like frying beans, he was certainly tempted. At the very least, he would not be able to replicate it, so he must witness it with his own eyes.”

“I’m afraid the moment he saw Li Qiye’s wood mastery and insect mastery was when he became determined to capture Li Qiye. After all, he requires Li Qiye’s supreme dao of alchemy.” Ming Yexue gently sighed after revealing her speculation.

“LI Qiye’s mastery over insects and wood is indeed very scary.” The Grandma had to admit this. She then had some doubts and asked: “However, the four manuals from our Alchemy Emperors were not enough for him to become an Alchemy Emperor, so can Li Qiye’s manual do it?”

“Who knows...” Ming Yexue also pondered for a moment before responding: “Our four Alchemy Emperors could be said to be from the same origin. Their possible paths had been expended. The Xian Forefather needs another angle, a different sublimation to understand the final dao test!

“Moreover, Young Noble Li’s dao of alchemy is indeed scary. I have never seen or heard of such a thing before. I even suspect that his manual is not from any Alchemy Emperor, he might have obtained the legacy of the Alchemy God.”

“The Alchemy God’s legacy!” Grandma Bai was shocked. Since the start of time, there had been many Alchemy Emperors, but no one had dared to call themselves God. This was mainly out of respect for the Alchemy God, but it was also because none of the Alchemy Emperors were able to reach the heights of the Alchemy God!

The grandma couldn’t help but say: “That isn’t possible. The Alchemy God’s legacy has been lost for countless years. Our forefathers have been searching for it for generations, but no one was successful. How could Li Qiye obtain this legacy?”

Ming Yexue replied: “This world is unpredictable, so who can accurately predict its motions?”

Chapter 761: Ming Yexue's Plan

The grandma eventually sighed, not knowing what else to say. The matter was settled the moment the Xian Forefather decided to make a move. This was not something that she could control.

Ming Yexue asked: "What do the ancestors think?"

The grandma wryly smiled and said: "Young Miss, the ancestors didn't reveal anything. In fact, I'm afraid that they think this is only a small deal, so there is no need for them to show their stance. Li Qiye is only a junior, so there wasn't a need for them to worry."

"Young Noble Li is indeed a junior." Ming Yexue said: "However, age does not represent everything. Moreover, he is extraordinary. Anyone who takes him lightly will definitely lose out in the end."

"Young Miss, not everyone thinks like you." Grandma Bai said: "Our kingdom is entrenched in our imperial foundation. Not to mention people like us, but even the ancestors think that no one can shake our kingdom! Why should the ancestors become involved in such a trivial matter? Things will be settled swiftly since the Xian Forefather is taking action, so why should the other ancestors bother with this sort of thing?"

Ming Yexue deepened her tone and asked: "What if the Xian Forefather dies?"

Grandma Bai's expression changed as she responded: "Young Miss, that is impossible. It would be unbelievable for Li Qiye to

actually be that powerful. And even if he has such capabilities, killing our ancestor inside Alchemy City... Even the Allpine Forefather has to think twice before doing this!”

“Grandma, you are mistaken. There is nothing Young Noble Li can’t do. Do you really think that he puts our kingdom in his eyes?” Ming Yexue gravely spoke: “These are harsh words, but essentially, he has never taken our kingdom seriously!”

Grandma Bai’s heart sank as she thought about all the things Li Qiye had done before; everything he did was on a whim! It seemed that he really never considered their kingdom in his plans.

Grandma Bai pondered for a bit before speaking: “Li Qiye should know that if he truly has the skill to kill the Xian Forefather, our kingdom’s ancestors will not just sit and watch.”

She felt a bit helpless at this moment. Any rational person would know that provoking their kingdom wouldn’t end well, but she was not certain about someone like Li Qiye.

“He will not care.” Ming Yexue slightly shook her head: “Think about it, what kind of person is the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor? A sly fox like him would have already destroyed Li Qiye if he was able to. How could he leave the supreme manual to us? Why did he come to our kingdom? It was simply to drag us in as well!”

Ming Yexue’s eyes became serious as she spoke: “Li Qiye killing the Xian Forefather is exactly what the Sacred Ancestor wants. When that time comes, our kingdom will truly be dragged under

the water. Not only would the Huangfu Clan rejoice, Ye Qingcheng and the Heavenhoof Ravine would profit as well. Existences like them want nothing more than unceasing war in our Alchemy Realm!”

The grandma went quiet. This was the decision of the ancestors. As juniors, they couldn’t influence them, let alone turn the tides.

Ming Yexue asked: “What about Ancestor Wushuang?”

Grandma Bai said: “Ancestor Wushuang agreed to see Young Miss, but Young Miss should also understand that it is not easy for him to meet a junior. His Venerable needs at least several days before opening his doors.”

“No, it has to be tomorrow at the latest.” Ming Yexue spoke austerely: “It will be too late after tomorrow. Grandma, no matter what, I have to meet Ancestor Wushuang tomorrow. You and His Majesty along with the elders must accomplish this.”

“Young Miss...” The grandma hesitated for a moment before responding: “Even His Majesty is not in a position to comment regarding the Alchemy Ancestor’s matters. If you forcefully intervene before officially taking the reigns, it would be defying the current sovereignty. I’m afraid the ancestors will reprimand you.”

“That’s not important.” Ming Yexue was resolute as she said with a deep voice: “It doesn’t matter if the elders agree or not, I must see Ancestor Wushuang tomorrow. Otherwise, I’ll personally go to

the Star Cliff!”

“Young Miss, please don’t scare people.” The grandma jumped after hearing this and quickly tried to persuade her: “If you barge into the Star Cliff, then it would cause a huge commotion. The ancestors will only be even more angry.”

“So what if the ancestors become angry?” Ming Yexue spoke calmly: “It is much better than bringing about a calamity! If I don’t see Ancestor Wushuang tomorrow, I will personally go to the Star Cliff to see my master!”

Grandma Bai said: “Young Miss, are you not taking this too seriously? A calamity? With just Li Qiye? I’m afraid that is impossible. Even if the Allpine Forefather himself arrives, this outcome would be unlikely.”

Ming Yexue replied: “Grandma, these words feel unbelievable to me as well. I have a very strange feeling when I’m together with Young Noble Li. If something were to happen, I would be willing to stand by his side. However, I am still the kingdom’s disciple and its descendant, so I can’t just watch something happen to the kingdom. Although I don’t know what schemes the Young Noble is concocting, I know that he is ready.”

“Ready for what?” Grandma Bai couldn’t help but shudder as she asked for clarification.

“Ready to destroy our Alchemy Kingdom!” Ming Yexue had an austere look as she said: “Any rational person would know that the

moment they bare their fangs at the Xian Forefather would be when they provoke the Alchemy Kingdom. However, Young Noble Li still declared his intention of destroying the Xian Clan. This means that he is ready to wage war on our kingdom! But the question is, are we prepared for a war for our survival?”

“That... there is no chance, destroying our Alchemy Kingdom?” The grandma was very skeptical and hesitantly said: “I’m afraid that even with the Allpine Forefather backing him, it would be impossible!”

This was not the grandma being arrogant, it was the truth. Who in this world could topple their regime? Not even the personal arrival of the Allpine Treefather could do so.

“Grandma, I do not wish pointlessly argue with you regarding this issue.” Ming Yexue responded: “Just answer my one question, is our Alchemy Kingdom prepared for a crisis involving our continued existence?”

The grandma began to wonder. She knew that their kingdom naturally was without such preparations. The ancestors simply didn’t care for a little problem like Li Qiye.

“Because of this, I will have to make the trip tomorrow if I can’t see Ancestor Wushuang! Let His Majesty and the elders know of my determination!”

“Since Young Miss is so adamant, I will go arrange for it immediately.” The grandma responded in a sober tone and quickly

took her leave.

She didn't believe that Li Qiye could actually destroy their kingdom. This was too exaggerated and absolutely impossible, but she also believed in her Young Miss' intelligence. She had never seen anyone wiser than her Young Miss. She was definitely the future Immortal Emperor!

After a quiet night, dawn finally came forth. Countless people lost hours of sleep, and their gazes were fixated on the Xian's residence.

When the sun shone on the stony pathway towards the Xian Clan, the shadow of a carriage appeared along with dull clacking noises that echoed around the mountain.

The eyes of many spectators lit up after seeing the appearance of this carriage. One of them couldn't help but raise their voice: "Li Qiye is here..."

Instead of calling the Xian's residence a palace, it was more apt to call it a treasure ground. It was built in a valley surrounded by peaks. Instead of a clan, it was closer to a sect or lineage.

At this place, rolling hills and vine-decorated valleys were everywhere. Old pine trees took root along with many green bamboo shoots. Pavilions and old temples appeared within this area, giving the royal residence a very archaic look.

In fact, although the Xian Clan was known as a royal family, they had formed their own branch and lineage.

The Imperial Draco-Bull slowly pulled the carriage forward with Tie Yi as the driver. Li Qiye was resting his eyes inside with Yuan Caihe and the madam beside him.

Li Qiye was half lying down with a fur coat on his body as if he was asleep. With beauties by his side, he seemed to be on an outing rather than marching to battle.

The spectators were at a loss for words after seeing this scene of Li Qiye going to battle. They didn't know whether to admire him for having such great luck or to be in awe of his confidence.

Eventually, the carriage stopped right outside of the Xian Clan's gate. The madam next to him softly said: "Young Noble, we are here."

Li Qiye opened his eyes and brushed away the fur coat. Under the gentle support of the madam, he got down from the carriage.

Him requiring support to get down from the carriage once again dumbfounded the spectators. His appearance seemed more like a feeble playboy rather than a soldier going to war.

"It's about time." Li Qiye smiled and raised his eyebrow before commanding Tie Yi: "Go inform them."

Tie Yi had always been a coward, but he somehow mustered courage out of thin air. He arched his chest and went to the gate and shouted: “Xian Clan, listen well, our Young Noble is here to take Cao Guoyao’s head. Hurry up and hand it over.”

Normally, whenever trouble came, Tie Yi would instantly flee without a trace, but things were different this time. He found courage and confidence from nowhere and was able to shout in an incredibly arrogant manner.

Of course, Tie Yi knew very well that this was his opportunity to show his loyalty. If he didn’t do so now, he wouldn’t even have the chance to do so in the future.

Chapter 762: Xian Clan's Alchemy Ancestor

“Clank!” A loud knock on the wooden doors came about. At this time, the Xian's gate slowly opened as if they weren't prepared and were actually welcoming Li Qiye's arrival.

Many watchers shuddered at the sight of the welcoming doors without any guarding disciples. This posture clearly showed that the Xian Clan was not afraid of Li Qiye's attack and that they had complete confidence in their victory.

“Li Qiye! Don't even dream about taking Brother Cao's head!” The World-Pillar Monarch, Xian Miao, appeared on top of a mountain within the land of the Xian Clan and gravely uttered: “Those who stay at Alchemy City are our guests! Our Alchemy Kingdom has the responsibility of protecting their safety!”

This remark carried another meaning — this was not a problem for the Xian Clan alone, it was also a problem for the entire kingdom!

Those who were paying attention to this battle felt a cold chill after finding out that the kingdom indeed wanted to take action. Suddenly, no one favored Li Qiye any longer. No opponent would have a good end after the entire kingdom became involved in the conflict.

Li Qiye raised his brow and leisurely said: “I am not here to negotiate with you. I give your clan two options: one, hand over Cao Guoyao; two, allow me to destroy your clan!”

“Such a big tone!” Xian Miao coldly countered: “Do you really think Alchemy City is a place where you can act so wantonly? Be smart and beg for forgiveness, then we might settle this matter peacefully. Our Alchemy Kingdom’s prestige will not allow for dissent!”

The monarch once again brought up the Alchemy Kingdom as if he was its representative. Taking on this stance was very scary indeed!

“All right, it seems that you won’t cry until you see the coffin. Very well, I will help you.” Li Qiye slowly shook his head and said: “I have been merciful and gave ample time for your young and elderly to evacuate. It is now time for me to wash your clan with blood.”

“Child, you dare to utter such outrageous words outside of my gate?!” A shout came at this moment. Although it was not particularly loud, it rang like thunder in everyone’s ears. The entire city could hear this statement.

An old man appeared inside the grounds of the Xian Clan, standing above a peak. The moment this old man appeared, myriad existences prospered and hundreds of flowers bloomed. An alchemy aura as vast as a sea immediately flooded the entire Xian Clan. Any vegetation that sensed this aura immediately came alive with rich vitality.

One could only imagine just how frightening this old man’s dao

of alchemy was to be able to immediately invigorate the plants and trees in this land!

“Xian Alchemy Ancestor!” Even ancestors from the great powers were astonished at his appearance and exclaimed in horror.

There had been early rumors of the Alchemy Ancestor staying at the Xian’s residence, but this was merely hearsay. Seeing his appearance in the flesh was quite different.

“Xian Forefather, one of the ancestors of the imperial family, a legendary master, a peak Legendary Alchemist!” A great character listed all of the Alchemy Ancestor’s titles as he shuddered.

Those who were called legendary masters were very powerful. At the very least, they had to be a Golden Era Paragon or even an existence that had taken their first step onto one of the two paths.

The Xian Alchemy Ancestor was not only a legendary master, but also a peak Legendary Alchemist. Just how prestigious was this status? For any great power, he was simply a priceless treasure.

The World-Pillar Monarch immediately prostrated on the ground to greet his ancestor’s arrival.

As for Li Qiye, he was not surprised as if it everything was within his expectations.

“Back when my Xian Clan showed its dominance, it caused

storms in this world and myriad realms lost their colors!” The Alchemy Ancestor had a stately yet intimidating appearance. He looked straight at Li Qiye and coldly uttered: “Today, when my Xian Clan chose to maintain a low profile, an ignorant junior dares to come to our door to shame my Xian Clan!”

Any other junior would be incessantly trembling with weakened legs after getting stared at by a legendary master like this! However, Li Qiye was unperturbed without a care.

“If you are finished boasting, then it is time for me to take action. Any other serious statements you want to make?” Li Qiye lazily stared at the ancestor: “Of course, I can say them all for you. For example, I don’t know life from death, daring to provoke your Xian Clan, challenging the might of the Alchemy Kingdom, not knowing the immensity of the heaven and earth, after a bunch of righteous and solemn rhetoric comes the real goal...”

Li Qiye smiled: “Aren’t you just after my dao of alchemy manual? Why the need to talk so much? That old geezer Huangfu is also at your place, right?! You’ve been meticulously planning yet you still pretend to be innocent and righteous, why bother? Just be straight if you want to rob people. The world of cultivators is where the strong reign over the weak. Murder and robbery are nothing shameful. The most disgusting thing is being a prostitute while pretending to be pure — so nauseating!”

Li Qiye took the initiative and mocked the ancestor. This made others take deep breaths.

A few big shots already guessed the Xian Clan’s goal, but no one

wanted to expose this thin layer of deception. Now, Li Qiye's brief remark made everything very obvious.

"How slanderous..." Xian Miao harshly shouted: "Our Alchemy Kingdom has four Alchemy Emperors, your dao of alchemy is not worthy of entering my ancestor's sight..."

Li Qiye interrupted him with a lazy expression: "Okay, like I said earlier, don't waste time acting pure if you are a prostitute. To be frank, I want to trample your Xian Clan; who told you to mingle with the Huangfu Clan geezers? Of course, destroying your Alchemy Kingdom is fine with me as well. There is nothing shameful to reveal these things. Since everyone is here today, go ahead and let it out!"

These words made all the spectators open their eyes wide. Declaring the destruction of the Xian Clan was already bold enough, but now he stated that he wanted to destroy the Alchemy Kingdom. This made others feel as if Li Qiye had become crazy!

"Your words just now are beyond redemption, even with death!" The Xian Alchemy Ancestor glared at Li Qiye. With a terrifying aura, he spoke awe-inspiringly: "Junior, will you give up, or do I have to personally take action?!"

"Okay, stop acting cool in front of me. I simply don't give a damn about you." Li Qiye retorted: "Today, I will sharpen my blade starting with you!"

With that, his eyes narrowed as a murderous intent shot out like

a ray.

“Young Noble, why use a butcher’s knife to kill a chicken? He’s only an old man, there is no need for Young Noble to take action.” Before Li Qiye could attack, Tie Yi stepped forward and volunteered to be the vanguard: “This little demon is ready to pave the way for Young Noble!”

An inconspicuous little demon like this suddenly coming up surprised all the spectators. Earlier, everyone saw and thought that Tie Yi was only Li Qiye’s driver.

But now, this little demon dared to utter these bold words and called the ancestor an old geezer — this was too incredible. Some people even thought that Li Qiye purposely arranged for this in order to humiliate the Alchemy Ancestor.

Even the madam was astonished to see Tie Yi suddenly volunteering to fight. The Xian Alchemy Ancestor was a legendary master, but this unknown little demon still dared to fight him. How unbelievable was this?

“Good, good, I have not come out in a very long time, so even a random dog on the streets thinks that I am so easily bullied!” The ancestor laughed due to his overwhelming anger. He was nearly driven mad from Tie Yi’s statement.

He was a famous ancestor. In the Stone Medicine World, who wouldn’t fear his name? But now, a little demon came running, wanting to take care of him. How could he not be driven insane?

“Haha, you’re only a Golden Era Paragon. Calling yourself a legendary master is merely flattery.” Tie Yi hid his usual cowardly look and arched his chest forward with an engulfing aura while looking down on the ancestor.

“Very well, if I don’t break you into pieces today, I will cease being human!” The ancestor vomited blood from rage. His eyes became fierce and his great bloodthirst spanned for thousands of miles.

With a new demeanor, Tie Yi bowed towards Li Qiye and said: “Young Noble, please allow this little demon to take his head!”

Li Qiye slightly waved his sleeve and lightly said: “Go. Since you want to contribute, then let this merit belong to you!”

“Little beasts, die!” Seeing the master and servant playing their tune left the ancestor furious. He crazily roared as his grand palm came forward. His five fingers were as mighty as a suppressive mountain, capable of crushing the world.

“Only a minor technique.” Tie Yi’s body flashed and disappeared as fast as lightning. In the blink of an eye, no one saw how he appeared before the ancestor.

“Bang! Bang! Bang!” Amidst the commotion, the ancestor was struck six times by Tie Yi. Even if the ancestor had energy protecting his body, he was still one step too late. After the loud detonations, he shattered a peak with his feet after being blown

away by Tie Yi. His face was pale and his breathing ragged.

Without a doubt, the six strikes from Tie Yi had wounded him. However, it was not serious.

This sudden change amazed everyone. This Tie Yi was a little demon who no one valued; everyone thought that him attacking the ancestor was courting death.

However, Tie Yi actually hurt the ancestor. Of course, some of this was due to the ancestor underestimating his enemy, but it was still enough to show that Tie Yi was powerful enough. He was definitely a Virtuous Paragon. Otherwise, without any weapons, he wouldn't be able to injure a legendary master!

A paragon acting as Li Qiye's driver caused many people to shudder!

Chapter 763: The Mighty Tie Yi

The madam herself was shaken by Tie Yi's strength. Normally, Tie Yi always had a cowardly look and escaped at the first sign of trouble. Who would have thought that he would be able to deter an existence like the alchemy ancestor?

“Little demon, come meet your doom!” The ancestor's expression was unsightly to the extreme. He was a legendary master, yet he suffered in the hands of this no name demon. It was only their first exchange, yet it was still extremely humiliating to him.

He cried out and soared to the sky. Under his wrath, his blood energy erupted to its most powerful state. For someone with weak longevity blood like him, erupting his blood energy to this level was truly reckless.

“Here I come!” Tie Yi remained undaunted in the face of this eruption. He laughed then soared in the air straight at the ancestor.

At this time, Tie Yi was like a completely different person. No one would be able to recognize the coward that he was. His aura engulfed the world as if he had been reborn with a domineering presence.

“Die!” The ancestor's invincible treasure slammed down without holding anything back to meet Tie Yi's offense. In the blink of an eye, this invincible treasure blindingly lit up and broke all the laws in this world. The world seemed to be trembling under this blow,

along with all the cultivators in Alchemy City.

“Boom!” The alchemy ancestor was worthy of his fame. This blow tore the fabric of space. Even when Tie Yi took out a powerful Life Treasure to meet it head on, he still couldn’t stop this oncoming attack and was blown away.

One could hear a loud detonation as the void was shattered. From this scene alone, one could easily imagine just how terrifying the attack from the ancestor was.

Tie Yi stabilized himself and coughed out several gulps of blood and murmured: “This body is becoming weaker and weaker, I really am getting old!”

The spectators finally heaved a sigh of relief after seeing the ancestor wounding Tie Yi. If a legendary master like the ancestor was defeated by an unknown little demon, it would be too hard to take in.

However, outsiders didn’t know that this was not the ancestor wounding Tie Yi, it was Tie Yi’s old wounds coming back due to the battle!

“Die!” The ancestor didn’t give Tie Yi an opportunity to breathe. The invincible treasure lit up again and carried with it an unstoppable momentum!

For the ancestor, if he couldn’t kill this unknown little demon,

then it would be difficult to re-establish his reputation.

“Who’s afraid of who!” Tie Yi also laughed wildly and pounced forward to meet the ancestor head on. It was as if he was an awakened lion, ready for battle.

Li Qiye watched the battle between the two for a bit before losing his interest. He looked at the land of the Xian Clan and smilingly said: “It is time to flatten this land.”

Having said that, he took out a pouch.

“Whooooosh!” In this instant, the wind suddenly howled. Poisonous insects and ferocious monsters came out one by one after being released by Li Qiye. Loud roars resounded as if a flood of monsters had arrived like a stampeding cavalry.

These creatures crowded the Xian Clan’s gate. There were eight meter long Red-eyed Winged Centipedes, Toxic Horned Lions as tall as little mountains, Black Widow Snakes that stretched like rivers, True Fire Virulent Toads spewing out poisonous flames, Iron-Hoof Evil Bulls full of poisonous parasites...

Many people gasped at the sight of Li Qiye quickly releasing so many poisonous creatures. The infestation wreaked havoc across this land left them with a terrifying and creepy sensation.

Looking at the poisonous serpents with dripping saliva and spiders full of green hair, the beasts with evil flames surrounding

their bodies... All of these terrorizing images caused people to tremble; some even wanted to vomit.

“Where, where did he get so many poisonous creatures from?” Even a Demon King was aghast in the face of so many monsters.

“Red-eyed Winged Centipedes, Toxic Horned Lions, Black Widow Snakes, True Fire Virulent Toads, Iron-Hoof Evil Bulls...” An old alchemist could name all of these creatures. He paled as he murmured: “These are all indigenous species from the Alchemy Kingdom. The majority of them hide around in the dangerous locations here, how did Li Qiye get them?!”

An alchemist realized something and uttered in shock: “Don’t tell me he captured them just recently...?”

A few people knew the ancient rumors of Alchemy City. In an archaic age when the phoenix and divine tree tried to obtain rebirth via fire, they left behind divine ashes that cultivated this land. This turned the city into a treasure ground for spirit medicines and grasses as well as a land occupied by many poisonous creatures and fierce beasts.

Because of this, there were still locations in this city where many of these creatures resided. From then on, these areas became so dangerous that even Heavenly Kings wouldn’t dare to venture inside.

“How incredible, just what level has Li Qiye’s insect mastery reached?!” An Alchemy Saint uttered in disbelief: “Legends

describe the Insect Swarm Alchemy Emperor coming to Alchemy City to capture many poisonous creatures. However, besides him, very few people later on managed to catch so many.”

After witnessing Li Qiye’s amazing display of prowess, many were frightened. In just a moment, they became very wary of this insect mastery branch from the dao of alchemy.

Although this was a world with the highest concentration of alchemists, an art like insect mastery was inferior in the eyes of many alchemists. First, one had to be a Legendary Alchemist before learning insect mastery. If one was able to reach this level, they would obtain a very proud status, and countless people would be willing to work for them. There was no need to waste energy researching insect mastery. It was enough to specialize in pill refinement. Second, even for many Alchemy Emperor lineages, insect mastery was not well researched!

As a result, insect mastery and even wood mastery were very rare among alchemists. A few lineages had such abilities, but their alchemists still chose to focus on refining pills instead.

It was very rare for someone to take insect mastery to the extreme like the progenitor of the Insect Swarm Valley, the Insect Swarm Alchemy Emperor.

“Activate the formations, prepare for battle!” The World-Pillar Monarch was alarmed and shouted after seeing so many poisonous creatures outside of their gate.

With a series of booming explosions, lights flashed among the peaks of the Xian's residence. Even sweet fragrances could be smelled.

“Raaa...” At this time, there were creatures that had infiltrated the clan. However, the dozen of them all bellowed miserably. It didn't matter whether they came from the sky or the ground, they twitched on the ground and instantly died.

“Increase the power!” The monarch gave another command to the disciples of his clan with a loud shout.

Fiery lights appeared inside a few valleys and caves on this land as if they were burning something. An even stronger medicinal fragrance quickly enveloped the entire residence.

The poisonous creatures crowding outside of the Xian Clan were very afraid of this smell and couldn't help but retreat. Even those who were not afraid of this smell didn't want to enter the Xian Clan; it was as if they could sense the danger.

“Alchemy formation!” An alchemist who was watching this scene emotionally commented: “The Xian Clan is indeed a branch from the imperial family. By having such a powerful alchemy formation in their clan, they could even stop a huge number of poisonous creatures.”

“Haha, fool not knowing your own strength, do you really think you are unbeatable with your insect mastery? Don't forget, our Xian Clan is a branch of the imperial family. Regarding the dao of

alchemy, nothing compares to our Alchemy Kingdom in the nine worlds!” With the protection of the formation, Xian Miao sneered with complete confidence as if victory was a foregone conclusion.

Although his words were unpleasant, they were backed by logic. It was difficult to find a lineage within the nine worlds comparable to their Alchemy Kingdom regarding the dao of alchemy.

“Should you be so proud of such a trivial formation?” Li Qiye smiled and patted his Myriad Heavenly Cauldron: “Open...”

The cauldron opened its mouth wide. With a boom, its mouth seemingly turning into the gigantic jaws of a beast capable of swallowing the heavens. Its raging flames immediately turned into a giant vortex.

In the blink of an eye, this fiery vortex sucked in all the medicinal fragrances that covered the Xian Clan. With another loud bang, the cauldron spewed out its own fragrances. Moreover, all of these fragrances suddenly caught on fire.

They created a sea of fire that ran along the alchemy formation’s runes from the Xian Clan, causing the entire formation to blow up.

“Bang—” In an instant, explosions could be heard from within. Under the raging flames, the formation initially powered by cauldrons blew up. The central area of the formation exploded as well.

Many mountains collapsed instantly due to the explosions. Suddenly, loud screams came from everywhere as flesh and blood spattered in the sky. With the formation's collapse, the experts that were controlling the formations were blown away; many headed to their deaths!

Chapter 764: Massacring The Xian Clan

The alchemy formation was broken in an instant by the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron. Chaos ensued in the Xian Clan as the shrill screams that came from within caused the World-Pillar Monarch's countenance to be quite unsightly.

The alchemy formation could be considered one of their prided creations. Ordinary clans wouldn't be able to have such a formation, but it was broken so easily by Li Qiye.

"It can also do this? A cauldron breaking an alchemy formation... this is so unreal...." The spectators watching this fight were astounded after seeing the Xian's alchemy formation explode.

"This kind of alchemy formation is not even worthy of me taking action. My cauldron alone can already easily break it." Li Qiye smirked dismissively.

Terrifying roars could be heard right after the formation went down. Without its deterrence, all the poisonous creatures rushed into the Xian residence. Their rampage caused the land to shake and the pavilions to be crushed.

One of the poisonous serpents slithered all the way to a high peak and spat out some roiling mist. This mist instantly spread everywhere and shrouded one mountain after another, eroding many valleys. Many disciples from the Xian Clan immediately screamed and met their demise after being invaded by this mist, leaving behind only bodies on the ground.

One of the spiders full of green hair quickly rushed into the residence and spewed out countless webs. These webs covered the sky and surrounded the disciples before they could fight it. Sizzling sounds could be heard after they were covered by this silk. Amidst their screams, their bodies began to rot!

Some golden bees flew inside and swiftly shot out a barrage of poisonous needles as thin as hair. Many disciples couldn't dodge in time; they weren't ready to escape as they were hit by the needles. Once stricken, no matter their cultivation, their body instantly froze up as if petrified.

Poisonous toads, ferocious rhinos, and dark bulls... all kind of creatures invaded the Xian residence like a tsunami. They trampled this land with devastating force. Buildings fell one after another from their onslaught.

Li Qiye only smiled while watching the fight from outside of the gate. There was no need for him to personally take action.

“Ahh—” Screams came left and right from within the residence. All the Xian disciples came to fight. The World-Pillar Monarch didn't have time to watch Li Qiye as he rushed to the frontlines to fight these monsters.

Many people had begun to pay attention to this battle as early as three days ago, but no one had ever thought that it would begin in such a manner.

There were many speculations regarding how things would begin. Some believed that a great character from Allpine Mountain would act as the vanguard. Others believed that Li Qiye would take out that invincible treasure to bombard the Xian Clan... However, no one thought that Li Qiye didn't need to take action and would just leisurely stand there, directing his horde of monsters to attack the Xian Clan.

The crowd was dumbfounded and sent into a daze. This offense from Li Qiye was indeed too powerful.

“Who would ever dare to say that alchemists had weak combat potential from now on? Insect mastery and wood mastery — both of these techniques can easily massacre a clan or even destroy a sect!” An alchemist lamented after seeing this scene. However, there was a tinge of pride in his words!

“Damned beasts, stop running amok!” In the depths of the Xian Clan came five gray-haired old men that instantly formed a formation. They carried treasure medicines and divine roots and initiated their grand formation, coming forward with a powerful, sweeping momentum.

“Bang!” A series of rumbling occurred. Under the pressure of the formation from the five old men, many monsters receded like a tide since they couldn't withstand this attack.

“Five elders of the Xian Clan! They are all amazing alchemists and were once renowned in the world.” An alchemist who recognized the five was startled from seeing their formation.

These five elders were the most exceptional alchemists of the Xian Clan. Although they couldn't compare to the Xian Alchemy Ancestor, they all had remarkable accomplishments.

They formed another alchemy formation to expel and kill these poisonous monsters. This was enough to prove their worth on the dao of alchemy.

“An alchemist-based formation?” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Let me show you what a heaven-made poisonous formation can do!”

Having said that, a dao of alchemy emerged. Li Qiye's hands instantly formed five runic incantations that flew out and imprinted themselves on five different creatures.

“Croakk...” A Gold-striped One-eyed Frog as big as a mound jumped out from the poisonous herd.

“Pluff...” A Crimson Flame Serpent with a tongue as big as an arm came forth.

“Zhiii...” A scorpion with an iron carapace crawled out from the mass.

Next, a hundred meter long centipede with a thousand blade-like legs arrived. Just its movement alone could sweep through many experts and take their lives.

One spider covered in poisonous needles also rushed out from its peers.

These five poisonous creatures instantly formed a team and pounced towards the five Xian Elders at an unbelievable speed. They attacked together in the blink of an eye. The frog spewed out poisonous mists while the crimson serpent unleashed its fire to burn this mist!

The burning mist immediately turned into a sea of fire. In this same moment, the spider spat out a large amount of webs that was accompanied by needles towards the sea of fire. In an instant, they became extremely vile fiery nets that locked the entire sky...

The five creatures unleashed their combination attack towards the five elders. “Boom! Boom! Boom!” The scorpion shot out four needles towards the four cardinal directions that turned into formation pillars. In the blink of an eye, the five elders were trapped inside. At this time, the poisonous fire had turned into lava. Moreover, the webs had locked the area inside the formation, so the five elders couldn’t take half a step backward let alone escape.

“Open!” The five elders wildly shouted and unleashed their formation’s most powerful state. However, the combined attack of the five creatures with their venom, fire, webs... All of these powers worked together in harmony, causing their power to soar exponentially!

“Ahh!” In just a brief moment, the sea of magma refined the five elders’ alchemy formation. The five elders were also incinerated

while they screamed pitifully.

“What is this?!” The spectators were amazed. From the start, the five elders were able to push back these creatures. But now, these five monsters instantly reversed the situation and killed all five of them.

“This is the legendary Five Poisons Mutual Generation, a natural formation that abides the laws of the world. There is no need for formations or techniques since the five poisons rely on their natural harmonizing affinity to create this formation.” A Legendary Alchemist who didn’t want to show his face understood this particular method. His eyes widened as he murmured: “Five Poisons Mutual Generation... this is easier said than done! To be able to display this natural effect in a formation in an instant... This allows for the strength of the poisons to rise by at least ten times!”

“Scram!” When the poisonous creatures invaded the depths of the Xian Clan, Cao Guoyao finally showed himself. He summoned a cauldron and spewed out an alchemy mist to stop the flood of monsters.

Cao Guoyao was indeed a great alchemist, especially after obtaining the insect mastery arts of the Insect Swarm Valley. He alone was even stronger than the five Xian Elders as he stopped the incoming horde.

“Not bad, let’s see if you can stop this!” Li Qiye saw this scene and smiled. He took out a tiny bottle and let out a creature.

“Buzzz!” Cao Guoyao, who was battling the poisonous horde, suddenly heard a small humming sound. He lifted his head and noticed a little white silkworm flying forward. This silkworm had a pair of wings, so it flew very quickly.

Such a cute and tiny white silkworm would make anyone think that it was completely harmless.

“Evil Silkworm!” However, Cao Guoyao acted as if he had seen a ghost. He quickly recalled his cauldron and turned around to flee without a care for anything else.

“Ahh—” However, he didn’t make it too far before he let out a shrill scream. His body dropped to the ground and began to twitch as a terrifying scene ensued.

A strange fleshy growth began to bud as if a bean sprout was growing on his body. The moment this fleshy meat reached a certain size, it began to crack and spew out black blood. The little silkworm flew out of Cao Guoyao’s body and immediately sucked up all of the black blood.

“Fuck, where did Li Qiye get an Evil Silkworm?!” A knowledgeable alchemist paled at the sight of this little silkworm. His legs grew weak as his butt hit the ground.

“Is... that little white silkworm that terrifying?” A disciple couldn’t help but ask after seeing his master frightened to such an extent.

The alchemist said: “If it is not terrifying, then Cao Guoyao wouldn’t have tried to flee! He obtained the arts of the Insect Swarm Valley and was fighting so many poisonous creatures alone; do you think he was afraid of them? However, after seeing this little silkworm, he ran right away!”

He eventually calmed down and licked his lips: “Evil Silkworm — this devilish thing is very rare. Some of them live in some vile marshes in Alchemy City. I only heard that the Insect Swarm Alchemy Emperor caught one after coming here. Later on, it was groomed by the valley to become a devil that could easily kill Virtuous Paragons! Rumor has it that this evil silkworm is still protecting the valley to this day!” The alchemist quivered while recalling the tale.

Chapter 765: Sacred Ancestor

Cao Guoyao dying just like that caused the onlookers to grow silent. They were unable to describe their own thoughts at this moment.

He was once one of the four alchemy prodigies, a genius flattered by many great powers and experts. It could even be said that when he was alive, he was a mighty figure that no one dared to offend!

But now, he died miserably, and to a poisonous insect at that! Even his great insect mastery couldn't save his life.

He once proclaimed that outside of the Insect Swarm Ancestors, no one in this world could compare to him regarding insect mastery. Just how ironic was his ultimate demise today?

Screams continued to emanate as the beasts rampaged in the Xian residence. Blood ran like rivers in the area as countless disciples died. Even the effort from the counter-offensive of the older experts was useless.

From start to end, all the disciples and experts wished to defend their clan. However, after being surrounded, they couldn't even break through the swarm to escape.

Such a scene left the spectators with tingling palms. No one thought that this would happen since they assumed that the Xian Clan would clearly have the upper hand.

Who would have thought that in such a short period of time, the Xian Clan would be swept away and decimated? The clan that held great pride in their dao of alchemy couldn't stop the rage of the poisonous beasts and were eventually massacred.

“Old Dog Huangfu, what are you waiting for!” The Xian Alchemy Ancestor couldn't help but cry out. He was gritting his teeth as his heart bled: “If you don't take action, my Alchemy Kingdom will not forgive your Huangfu Clan!”

The Alchemy Ancestor was driven insane after seeing his clan being abused like this! Despite his great mastery of alchemy, it was of no use. He was busy dealing with Tie Yi and couldn't do anything to save his clan.

He was indeed wondrous. With his nonstop offense, he pushed Tie Yi back into a disadvantageous position. However, Tie Yi's might was unexpected as well.

At this moment, Tie Yi's old injuries resurfaced and he would occasionally spit out blood. Moreover, him taking on the ancestor's continuous attacks only worsened his state. Nevertheless, he was a raging dragon despite his bloodied self. In his frenzy, he unleashed his most powerful attacks again and again until the sky collapsed.

His bloodthirst and hostility erupted. Anyone would be horrified by this scene; they would rather run instead of battling with this dire wolf who was fighting without regard for his own life!

Tie Yi fought with the aim of bringing the enemy down with him, so no one could connect him to his prior cowardly form that fled at the first sign of danger. The Alchemy Ancestor had the upper hand early on in this battle, but he couldn't suppress Tie Yi's rampaging state since he was not a paragon capable of divine investiture, he was not what people called an eternal existence!

Despite his advantage, if he was not careful against Tie Yi's recklessness, then the tides would turn. It could even result in both of them going down together.

The ancestor was full of remorse at this moment. With one wrong move, he lost the entire board. He was confident that this war would be easy since it was just killing a junior like Li Qiye. He didn't expect to bring about a disaster to his own clan.

What made him even angrier was that the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor just loitered around without showing his face. They had a pact that the moment Li Qiye came, they would instantly attack and kill the Virtuous Paragons on Li Qiye's side.

But now, Li Qiye's poisonous horde had destroyed the Xian Clan while the Sacred Ancestor had yet to show his face, causing his Xian Clan to suffer great casualties. How could the Alchemy Ancestor not go crazy?

The regretful ancestor felt that he had fallen into the trap of the Huangfu Ancestor, becoming nothing more than cannon fodder!

“I’m here, Brother Alchemy. My cultivation was tampered with and I almost suffered qi deviation so I am late.” The Sacred Ancestor finally showed up.

When he emerged from the Xian Clan, the stars seemed to have shifted. A terrifying aura swept through the entire Alchemy City as if a deity had arrived.

In the end, the Sacred Ancestor still took action. Although this was against his will since it was better to play the waiting game, he was forced to take action. After the Xian Ancestor uttered those words, he would truly break all ties with the Alchemy Kingdom if he remained hidden. That would bring about a disaster to his own clan!

“Kill the little bastard!” Although the enraged ancestor didn’t believe this drivel about qi deviation, he had no time to care for it. He needed the Sacred Ancestor to reverse the tides of this battle.

“Boom!” The Sacred Ancestor’s attack resembled a blow from a God-Monarch. Myriad laws were destroyed, blowing away all the poisonous creatures from the Xian Clan. As for the beasts closer to him, they were instantly rendered to ashes!

At this second, he didn’t care whether the creatures that went flying were alive or not. He stepped out of the Xian Clan with his invincible aura and suppressed the nine heavens and engulfed myriad realms!

“Sacred Ancestor, is he a God-Monarch?” Even great powers’

ancestors felt a cold chill. As for other people, they were naturally trembling with fear.

“The most powerful ancestor of the Huangfu Clan is still alive. So this is a God-Monarch!” An ancestor who knew the Sacred Ancestor became nervous.

The Sacred Ancestor took one step forward. His two eyes were as dazzling as the sky when he coldly uttered while emitting a terrifying aura: “Little bastard, today marks your demise!”

That being said, with one palm blotting out the sun, he reached straight for Li Qiye. This encroaching palm seemed to be capable of grasping the entire world, causing all the experts in the city to feel fear. A God-Monarch was indeed brilliant!

“Go!” The moment Madam Zi Yan saw that Li Qiye was about to be captured, she acted without any hesitation. In the blink of an eye, she carried the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar forward and used all of her blood energy to empower it. The jar spewed out an endless black brilliance like a star flying all the way to the firmament, blowing away everything in its trajectory!

The Immortal Devouring Evil Jar had a monstrous origin and was no weaker than even an Emperor Assailant’s True Treasure! With the madam not sparing anything, even if she couldn’t exert its ultimate power, the strike would still be devastatingly powerful.

All existences in the city trembled before this endless black

brilliance that crossed the sky. Everyone felt as if their souls were leaving their bodies as they were sucked in by the jar.

An ancestor recognized this treasure and exclaimed: “Immortal Devouring Evil Jar!”

Even the Sacred Ancestor was alarmed and immediately withdrew his hand. He shouted and opened his mouth to spit out his true fate weapon. Even though he was a God-Monarch, he still didn’t dare to meet the jar head on without a weapon!

“Boom!” The madam with the evil jar couldn’t withstand the blow from the Sacred Ancestor’s true fate weapon; after all, it could destroy even the world.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The madam was forced back repeatedly as the ground shattered behind her. If it wasn’t for the evil jar protecting her at the last second, she would have either suffered a grievous injury or died.

After all, the cultivation gap between the two of them was simply too much. Without the evil jar, the Sacred Ancestor’s finger alone could kill the madam.

“Immortal Devouring Evil Jar!” Even the eyes of a big shot like the Sacred Ancestor lit up with greed after seeing the jar floating above the madam’s head.

He couldn’t be blamed since anyone would covet an item such as

this jar. It was not weaker than Immortal Emperor True Treasures, something that their Huangfu Clan didn't have.

“This evil jar will only rot at your Giant Bamboo Country.” The Sacred Ancestor snorted: “From now on, it will have a different master!”

“Come again!” Although the madam knew that it would be difficult after experiencing the last blow, her fighting spirit was still surging. Despite not being the ancestor's match, she still wanted to fight using the evil jar!

“Little girl, that was only a casual blow from me. If I actually attacked seriously, even the jar would not be able to save you!” The Sacred Ancestor coldly smiled: “It is not too late to hand over the evil jar. If you do so, I will spare your life. If you force me to attack again, then not only will I kill you, I will also destroy your country another day.”

The madam still wanted to go forward but was stopped by Li Qiye.

“You're only a false god yet you still dare to bluster. Even a real God-Monarch would not dare to talk about destroying my Giant Bamboo. You are nothing!” Li Qiye smirked as he stared at the Sacred Ancestor.

The ancestor grimaced. People always referred to him as a God-Monarch, which was a source of pride for him. For a paragon, being called “God-Monarch” was a great honor.

In actuality, the Sacred Ancestor was not qualified to be called a God-Monarch due to the strict standards! His strength was enough to form his own country or be part of the divine list, but it was far from being of the God-Monarch level. For example, the Sacred Ancestor from the Thousand Carp River was absolutely worthy of this title; he was a real God-Monarch that would be respected by the entire Sacred Nether World!

However, the Thousand Carp Sacred Ancestor had seen Immortal Emperor Qian Li before and had witnessed what true invincibility was back when all the generals of the great emperor were still in this world. Even if he was qualified for the title, he would rather stay humble and refused to call himself a God-Monarch.

Chapter 766: Black Bones

This was not the case for the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor. With regards to cultivation and qualifications, he couldn't be bestowed the title of God-Monarch! However, as the strongest existence in the Huangfu Clan, he struggled to reach such a level, so he grew very prideful and complacent.

At that time, many experts flattered him and all called him God-Monarch. Thus, even till now, he always considered himself as one. He was very sensitive when others brought this up. Li Qiye calling him a false god reminded him of what he was most annoyed with.

Because of this, the Sacred Ancestor grimaced in an unsightly fashion and coldly uttered: "Fool, today, not only will I take the evil jar, I will also take my time torturing you until you wish for death!"

His blood energy erupted, causing his aura to become even more powerful. Earlier, he only casually attacked. Now, he didn't mind spending blood energy to kill the madam as well as to seize the evil jar!

In the blink of an eye, a divine ring pulsed from his true fate weapon that appeared to be a galaxy in the sky. A fist emerged from the center of this ring. Its arrival immediately suppressed the world. All the Xian disciples and poisonous creatures were immediately frozen.

Even the evil jar emitting its black brilliance above the madam's head was weakened by this oppressive fist. It was easy to imagine just how powerful this suppression was.

Even if the Sacred Ancestor was not a God-Monarch, he was still an eternal existence, and a top one at that. When he actually became angry and use his blood energy to fuel his fate weapon, seizing the evil jar or other emperor weapons would not be difficult at all.

As the fist came down, even ancestors from the great powers trembled, so it was needless to say for others.

“Ignorant insects, tremble before me! Those who oppose my Huangfu Clan shall not meet a pleasant end!” The Sacred Ancestor sneered. The divine fist suppressed the entire battlefield. Outside of the Sacred Ancestor and Tie Yi fighting in the sky, everyone else was subjected to its suppression.

The evil jar also buzzed when faced with the oncoming fist. It started to shake in an unstable manner. Without a doubt, it was affected by this fist.

“It's over.” The spectators gently sighed at the fist going for the evil jar. They knew the fight was about to end. When a powerful existence like the Sacred Ancestor took action, everything would quickly end.

“A false god still acts so unbridled before me.” Li Qiye smiled at this: “Watch me slaughter you!”

With that, a gray death energy floated around his body along with the emergence of the Death Chapter. The chapter quickly embedded itself in the ground.

“Crack!” Back at Li Qiye’s abode, the dry mountain suddenly cracked!

A broken black bone flew out from the desolate mountain. Like a heavenly spear, it crossed ten thousand miles in an instant.

As the divine fist was suppressing the area, the black bone immediately pierced through it!

“Who dares to ambush me!” The Sacred Ancestor was shocked after his fist was penetrated. This bone being able to do such a thing made him feel threatened.

“Pluff!” Even more black bones flew out from the desolate mountains.

“Die!” As these incomplete bones flew forward, the shaken ancestor roared. He no longer held back any of his blood energy. His true fate weapon shot out even more fists from its divine ring to meet the approaching bones.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The earth was torn asunder. The most unbelievable thing happened. These bones actually pierced through all the fists as they tore through the sky. Everyone had the

feeling that the heavens itself was being penetrated.

“What are those things?!” An ancestor saw these black bone fragments clearly. They were burnt crisp black as if they had caught on fire countless times!

Moreover, their lengths varied. A few bones were cracked as if they had been destroyed after being incinerated numerous times!

Such bones — in anyone’s eyes — were useless. However, they managed to pierce through the Sacred Ancestor’s fists — this was simply terrifying!

Many became dumbfounded at this scene. They didn’t know just what these bones were to be able to accomplish such a task.

“Descent of the Gods!” The aghast ancestor howled. He spewed a blob of longevity blood onto his true fate weapon to unleash the most powerful attack of his life! For an existence like the ancestor, his longevity blood had already dried up. Expending this large of an amount right now was akin to taking his own life.

However, if he didn’t take such a risk, then these bones would take his life anyway! Fear began to consume even an existence like him!

“Boom!” As this unbeatable attack descended, a sacred image emerged. Many godly figures took form as if they had sent down their most powerful attacks. In the blink of an eye, they

imprisoned myriad realms as they unleashed their onslaught to destroy all laws.

“Bang!” The area immediately exploded. Under this ultimate attack, these black bone fragments were blown away. However, even the most tattered ones among them remained unharmed!

“Die!” Li Qiye’s eyes turned fierce as all of his death energy erupted. The Death Chapter began to rebuild and derive a boundless profundity.

As Li Qiye empowered his chapter, these broken bones began to come together and rebuilt a new body in an instant.

“What kind of bird is that?” Someone finally saw the shape of the restructured bones. This was the skeleton of a huge bird. Moreover, it was far from being complete as many pieces were missing.

Just one incomplete skeleton was already so powerful. The moment it was successfully put together, it spread its wings with a force capable of stretching even the nine heavens.

“Screechhh!” A phoenix soared to the sky. This skeletal bird swooped down from above. Its bony wings swept by with a force capable of destroying the heavens above and annihilating all devils below. A flap of its wings left behind terrible scars in the sky!

The heads of these godly figures started to fly as the wings of the

creature swept forward. The most powerful attack of the Sacred Ancestor was instantly destroyed.

“Bang!” His true fate weapon was torn apart under this pressure while the ancestor was blown away with his blood crazily spraying everywhere.

“Whoosh!” One bone fragment flew out and immediately penetrated his chest, suspending him high in the sky.

“No, this... can’t be...” He couldn’t move at all after being immobilized in the sky. His wide eyes started to roll as he couldn’t accept this reality. He was a God-Monarch and yet was defeated by the skeleton of a bird. No one could accept this result.

“This is impossible!” The spectators watching this scene with their own eyes felt that this was impossible as well because it was simply too terrifying. A skeletal bird defeating a God-Monarch. Even if he wasn’t a real God-Monarch, this was still too much to take in.

“Nothing is impossible!” Li Qiye smirked: “It is just that you cannot understand what true power is in this world.”

“Pluff!” With a sweep of a bony wing, the Sacred Ancestor’s head flew to the sky as a spring of blood erupted from his neck all the way to the sky. Even at his moment of death, he didn’t understand how he lost to a mere skeleton; he couldn’t accept this fact!

The world suddenly turned silent. Many people were creeped out, chilled by this astonishing development!

“This is... Is this really happening?” Some thought that they were simply dreaming.

Just think about it. A God-Monarch, a frightening existence. Even if the Sacred Ancestor wasn't truly a God-Monarch, he was still a terrifying eternal existence! If, say, he was killed by a real God-Monarch or a Godking, then it would be understandable. However, he was slain by an incomplete skeleton. No one could accept such a thing.

“Just what is that thing?” Many people couldn't figure it out while looking at this incomplete skeleton. No one knew what this creature was to be able to kill a God-Monarch.

Madam Zi Yan next to Li Qiye took a deep breath. Recently, her Young Master used his death energy to gestate the mountain, reaching all the way to the depths of the ground. He spent a lot of time on this seemingly trivial matter. At this moment, she finally understood what her Young Master had been doing.

“Pop!” In the meantime, the Alchemy Ancestor was struck by Tie Yi, causing his blood to run. He quickly turned around to flee.

The ancestor purposely accepted this attack from the crazed Tie Yi to use the opportunity to escape with his fastest speed towards the ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom.

His fear was understandable because even a powerful existence like the Sacred Ancestor was killed. Even if he were to stay behind, he wouldn't be able to escape death. At this moment, only the ancestral ground would be able to protect him, thus he had no choice but to risk it all to run towards that direction to seek asylum!

Chapter 767: Invincible Bones

This reversal caught everyone by surprise. When the Alchemy Ancestor escaped, the surviving experts and disciples of the Xian Clan were overwhelmed by despair. Even their most powerful forefather had escaped, so they were caught in a hopeless situation.

“Want to run? Too late.” Li Qiye snorted at the sight of the fleeing ancestor. The Death Chapter rotated and the skeletal bird in the sky flapped its wings again.

Before the ancestor could reach the ancestral ground, the bird instantly caught up to him. Its speed was too fast. Even someone like the ancestor couldn’t compare to the bird in this regard.

“Pop!” Before he could counterattack, the bird’s wings swept him flying. He fell down from the sky while vomiting blood and heavily slammed into the ground, creating a huge pit. His blood began to stain the soil.

Before he could stand up to try to escape again, the bird swept down and smashed the surroundings. Its claws instantly pierced his shoulders as he was caught by it and carried into the sky. He couldn’t move at all! When the bird gripped his shoulders, it also sealed his true fate.

“No...” The lucky survivors from the Xian Clan cried out as they were plunged further into despair.

The spectators were even more frightened by the sudden appearance of this bird. First, it killed the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor and now, it captured the Xian Alchemy Ancestor.

Just an incomplete skeletal version was already this powerful, so wouldn't it have unimaginable might if it were still alive?

They quivered uncontrollably while watching the ancestor being gripped by the skeletal bird like a little chick. The majority expected the Alchemy Ancestor to win while Li Qiye's side suffered total defeat. Who would have thought that the Sacred Ancestor would be killed, the Xian Clan annihilated, and the Alchemy Ancestor captured alive?

"I have never been reserved towards those who aim for my life." Li Qiye cheerfully smiled while looking at the ancestor.

"Junior... you, you can't kill me." The ancestor was extremely pale. He knew just how close to death he was. Until now, he was always imperious, the one to control the life and death of others. A junior like Li Qiye would never be able to enter his sight no matter the occasion. But now, his life was in the hands of this exact junior!

"Is that so?" Li Qiye smiled: "Do you really think that I wouldn't dare to kill you because you are a denizen of the Alchemy Kingdom? You truly think too highly of yourself and the Alchemy Kingdom. There is no one in this world that I do not dare to kill!"

The ancestor's soul left his body after hearing this response. He knew that he had met his maker, so he shouted: "Senior Uncle,

save me!”

With that, he spewed out an arrow made of blood that flew all the way to the ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom. With his life hanging by a thread, the ancestor used this blood arrow to ask the ancestors and seniors in the ancestral ground for help.

“Boom!” When this blood arrow reached the ancestral ground, a divine light soared from the place all the way to the sky. Although its entrance was still closed, it was as if one deity after another awakened when this terrifying light reached the sky.

A vast and invincible aura suddenly hit the world. Such a terrifying aura from an awakened being was able to shake all of the Alchemy Realm and even the entire Stone Medicine World.

At this moment, many imperial lineages were alarmed by this powerful aura. The Jianlong Clan, the Beastmaster Citadel, and the Heavenhoof Ravine had many sleeping ancestors that woke up due to this powerful disturbance.

“What is going on?” Ancient existences were woken from their slumber by this force. They couldn’t help but look towards the Alchemy Kingdom.

“Is someone attacking the Alchemy Kingdom, or did something strange happen to the world? Why is it that so many ancestors of the kingdom woke up?” Even an ancestor from the low-profile Jianlong Clan spoke emotionally after sensing this disturbance.

The cultivators inside Alchemy City became nervous. Many even prostrated to the ground since they couldn't handle this aura.

It was as if all the powerful subjects of an archaic dynasty had woken up overnight. These powerful auras were not necessarily weaker than the arrival of an Immortal Emperor.

Countless people lost their minds out of fear of this horrifying power. For the masses, the might of the Alchemy Kingdom was only something from legends and gossip. In fact, for many cultivators, especially the younger generation, they simply couldn't imagine the magnitude of the kingdom's true power. Some even felt that the kingdom's power might have been exaggerated.

But at this very second when divine rays soared to the sky from the ancestral ground and powerful auras swept through the nine heavens, people finally felt the true prestige of the kingdom. This was the limit of power, a might that could shake the entire Stone Medicine World! Even Heavenly Kings had the urge to prostrate on the ground.

This left a permanent mark in many people's minds. Although no one could see how many ancestors actually woke up from the ancestral ground or what they looked like, their auras alone showed that it was not just one. Moreover, they were all fear-inspiringly powerful.

"Long live the imperial family, long live the invincible ancestors..." The despairing Xian disciples finally caught sight of a thread of life and couldn't help but rejoice.

“Phoo!” With a single breath, the wind started to howl. A God-Monarch’s power engulfed the world. In the blink of an eye, a huge sleeve swept forward like a gust of wind, blowing all the clouds along with all the poisonous creatures assaulting the Xian residence to the horizon.

Just one sweep of his sleeve was enough to blow all the monsters away. Just this one move was enough to show that the person who had just taken action was much more powerful than the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor.

“Senior Uncle, save me...” The captured Alchemy Ancestor shouted with a hint of embarrassment and joy in his voice.

When he came into being and left his Blood Era Stone, he told the imperial family that he was going to refine a longevity medicine cauldron. Right now, he couldn’t face them after things came down to this.

Within the endless lights in the ancestral ground, a figure emerged. They carried the endless light with their back leaning on countless mountains and rivers. Just this figure alone was enough for his God-Monarch aura to cover Alchemy City.

His aura was vast and majestic, leaving people breathless. They couldn’t help but want to prostrate before his imposing might.

Although the Sacred Ancestor also emitted a powerful aura earlier, there was something missing in his aura compared to the

aura emitted by this figure ahead. The Sacred Ancestor's aura was indeed oppressive to the point where people would quiver, but it still had a feeling of putting on airs.

However, the aura from this current figure was exalted and regal as if he was a true God-Monarch sitting above the firmament just to allow his subjects to prostrate to him!

People felt their lips drying up with cold chills running down their spines after seeing this figure from the ancestral ground. One of them couldn't help but murmur: "A true God-Monarch..."

Even those who had never seen a real God-Monarch before knew that this person was the real deal while the Sacred Ancestor was truly lacking.

A true God-Monarch had no need for flattery from others. An existence like the Sacred Ancestor that needed the acceptance and praise of others to be a God-Monarch was ultimately lacking, he couldn't reach this true level.

Although few could guess which ancestor the Senior Uncle of the Alchemy Ancestor was, the entire city was completely silent at this moment. Many people didn't even dare to breathe as they watched this scene.

Only Li Qiye remained calm and at ease as he stared at the figure.

"Young friend, the storm ends here. Let go of my Alchemy

Kingdom's disciple." The figure eventually spoke. His voice was ancient and resoundingly powerful.

The crowd held their breaths and stared at Li Qiye. Many people assumed that he would back down in this situation since so many ancestors of the kingdom had woken.

Li Qiye smiled and leisurely responded: "End? For me, this is just the beginning; things are far from over."

Li Qiye's words rendered many speechless. He had already breached the Xian Clan, killed the Sacred Ancestor, and captured the Alchemy Ancestor. This was enough to make him famous in this world, enough to make him become a peerless genius comparable to Ye Qingcheng and Mei Aonan overnight!

However, Li Qiye still didn't falter after reaching this level. This was too aggressive and overconfident.

Chapter 768: Alchemy Kingdom's God-Monarch

It was so silent that one could hear the wind blowing about. No one would dare to interfere in such a matter. The behemoth that is the Alchemy Kingdom had finally revealed itself. Any lineage would feel pressured by this development.

The atmosphere became extremely tense. There was a phrase that rang quite true: the world trembles before the fury of the Alchemy Kingdom's imperial family!

The figure inside the divine light in the ancestral ground slowly uttered: "Little friend, the real culprit, the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor has already been killed. You have destroyed the Xian Clan and defeated the Alchemy Ancestor. Your goals have been accomplished, so what more do you want?" Each of his words was full of power and immense weight.

Li Qiye gently shook his head: "We won't talk about future matters, but even in the present, this is far from enough without killing the Alchemy Ancestor. Unless he leaves his life behind, I will not let this go!"

All watched with bated breaths. No matter their view on Li Qiye or their grievances towards him, everyone had to admit that this kid was really courageous. To dare to bargain with the imperial family and still act nonchalantly before a God-Monarch — this was not something anyone could do.

Such boldness and courage made many feel inferior. Not to mention the younger generation, even those of the older generation and the ancestors would feel their knees giving in while standing before a God-Monarch of the imperial family.

“You!” The Alchemy Ancestor was vomiting blood from anger. However, even if he was enraged, he wouldn’t be able to do anything. His life was in the hands of Li Qiye! Today was the most shameful day of his life!

“Little friend, don’t be so aggressive. There is no need to go too far on every little thing. Leave a way out and bask in the immensity of the world.” The figure replied in a deep tone: “My Alchemy Kingdom is not the unreasonable type; we do not wish to bully the weak. However, if little friend goes too far, then don’t blame us!”

“Reasonable?” Li Qiye smiled: “I can reason with you any time. My bet with Cao Guoyao, what does it have to do with your Alchemy Kingdom? He owed me his life yet your Xian Clan chose to protect him. I demanded the person from your Xian Clan yet the clan wished to take my life.” Li Qiye paused before continuing: “And now, after I destroyed the Xian Clan, your Alchemy Kingdom is claiming that I am the aggressive one? What are you trying to do? To be frank, this is simply your kingdom desiring my supreme dao of alchemy and digging a pit for me to jump into!”

“Such venomous slander!” The captured Alchemy Ancestor cried out: “Our Alchemy Kingdom has four Alchemy Emperors, your dao of alchemy isn’t worthy of entering my Xian Clan’s sight—”

“Shut up.” Li Qiye didn’t bother looking at him and simply swung his hand. “Pop!” A heavy slap landed on his face.

The ancestor grew even more enraged. To be slapped by a junior in front of the world — this was the greatest humiliation of his life!

The spectators’ jaws dropped to the ground. Just how domineering was it to slap an ancestor of the Alchemy Kingdom? Anyone would be dumbfounded at this lawless youth who dared to do anything.

“Little friend, you take it too far!” Even the God-Monarch could no longer remain calm. Not to mention that the Alchemy Ancestor was his junior, even if he was only an ancestor from the kingdom, to be slapped in the face like that was something unacceptable to their kingdom!

The monarch coldly stated: “If you release the Alchemy Ancestor right now, our Alchemy Kingdom will not pursue this matter any further and let bygones be bygones. If not, then suffer the consequences!” Although his words were not loud, everyone heard them very clearly. It made them feel suffocated, as if each of his words was a hammer bashing their hearts.

“Suffer the consequences?” Li Qiye smiled: “I like hearing these words the most. Come then, I want to see your kingdom’s abilities!”

“Boom!” The God-Monarch walked forward step by step with endless divine light accompanying him. Stars hovered around his

body as if he was the ruler of the heavens and myriad dao.

The endless light didn't allow for anyone to see his face. Under the vast God-Monarch aura, numerous people prostrated in worship!

He was high above like a deity, controlling the fate of all existences in the nine worlds as if they were mere ants!

God-Monarch! This was a true God-Monarch, the ruler of deities. When one was bestowed this title, they would accept the worship of countless existences and became the lord of their own domain!

“Little friend, it is not too late to let him go. When I take action, you will either be dead or gravely injured!” The God-Monarch continued to suppress the sky, engulfing myriad realms.

Everyone in Alchemy City was breathless. The entire Alchemy Realm was also shaking from his terrifying aura.

“I am someone who prefers soft over hard treatment.” Li Qiye smiled: “The more people provoke me, the more I will enjoy killing him.” With that, Li Qiye's eyes became fierce as more gray death energy emerged.

“Senior Uncle, kill this ignorant brat and obtain vengeance for the Xian Clan... Ahhh!” The Alchemy Ancestor saw the God-Monarch taking action and thought that he was about to be rescued. He couldn't help but shout, but before he could finish, a

scream came about. The skeletal bird had torn him in two. Blood immediately sprayed out everywhere, signaling his demise.

The God-Monarch also felt unease after Li Qiye's death energy emerged. His heavenly palm aimed for the skeletal bird. This attack could shatter the heavens and conquer myriad realms!

However, the God-Monarch was still too late and couldn't save the Alchemy Ancestor from being torn apart.

It seemed as if the world froze. An ancestor of the Alchemy Kingdom was killed! Just how shocking was this scene? For a very long time now, no one had dared to do such a thing. But now, a junior like Li Qiye had done something that was taboo for the past one hundred thousand years!

“Boom!” One strike to break myriad laws. Although the God-Monarch couldn't save the Alchemy Ancestor, he still struck the bird flying. The bird's skeletal figure was shattered as fragments flew about.

“Die!” Li Qiye shouted with more death energy emitting from his body. In a split second, the black bones quickly came together again with the same death energy. The skeletal bird screeched like a phoenix roaring.

It flew to the sky with an absolutely perfect pose like a phoenix traversing the nine heavens. Under Li Qiye's command, each of the bird's actions was in accordance to the rhythms of heaven and earth.

The bird attacked with its wings across space. All of its actions and motions were absolutely incomparable. It reached a higher level by dragging the worldly order, no longer staying in accordance with it.

“Rumble!” The God-Monarch took control of myriad laws and also used a supreme gesture to derive the ultimate emperor law in order to stop this skeletal bird!

However, the bird’s offense was absolutely perfect. Each of its moves were able to stop the God-Monarch’s emperor law! Its attacks didn’t carry the laws of the grand dao or an unstoppable momentum, yet they were still flawless and capable of stopping all emperor laws.

In just a moment, the two sides fought above the firmament. If this battle took place on the ground, then it would definitely destroy Alchemy City!

Many big shots opened their heavenly mirrors and dao platforms to watch the contest between the skeletal bird and the God-Monarch. The battle shattered the void and annihilated the worldly laws, causing all spectators to be aghast.

“Just... just what is that thing?” Many were left in disbelief at seeing this bird capable of fighting against a God-Monarch. This broke the common sense of many since it was simply impossible!

Someone couldn’t help but murmur: “Just its skeleton is able to

fight against a God-Monarch. If this is the case, then what kind of existence was it when it was still alive? An Immortal Bird? Or an existence comparable to an Immortal Emperor?”

“What kind of demonic art is Li Qiye cultivating? To be able to control a corpse... Could this be a puppet master technique? However, I have never heard of such powerful puppet mastery before.” Many were horrified while watching this battle, and many questions popped up in their minds. They didn’t know what this powerful corpse was, only that it exceeded the limits of their imagination.

Even the madam and Yuan Caihe who had always been with Li Qiye were astonished. Neither of them could imagine how this corpse reached such a level. No one would believe that a corpse could fight against a God-Monarch!

As for Tie Yi who was tending to his wounds, he was even more alarmed. He gasped while shuddering inside. He knew more than other people. It could even be said that he had searched around Alchemy City and its lands before. Although the deepest parts of this domain were full of dangerous seals and traps that were beyond his reach, he knew that below this land was an unimaginable mystery!

At this moment, these incomplete bone fragments coming together actually wielded such incredible power. Looking at the attacking skeletal bird like a phoenix soaring up high, looking at its perfect actions that were controlling the mystical rhythms of the world...

In the blink of an eye, it was as if Tie Yi had seen a phoenix. He thought about a very old legend that few were aware of.

“Impossible...” The shaken Tie Yi murmured. He was skeptical of this legend before, but he couldn’t help but be reminded of it after seeing this skeletal bird in front of his eyes!

Chapter 769: Brightflame Imperial Cauldron

A God-Monarch fighting against a skeletal bird high in the sky... In the blink of an eye, they exchanged thirty blows. Although the God-Monarch didn't have a weapon in his hands, each of his blows could destroy stars.

His attacks were powerful enough to kill a group of Virtuous Paragons despite being bare-handed. However, he couldn't end this fight against the skeletal bird.

As time passed, the monarch grew exasperated. An existence like him would not easily come into being. He wouldn't have showed up if it wasn't for the Alchemy Ancestor.

His lifespan had withered and he was on the verge of death. Each strand of blood energy and each drop of longevity blood were extremely precious. From the start of the battle, he didn't use a weapon because he truly valued his vitality and didn't want to use blood energy to channel a powerful weapon!

However, as the battle waged on, he became angry and eventually unleashed his killing move. He must suppress this bird and capture Li Qiye as fast as possible.

“Boom!” A loud detonation shocked the entire Stone Medicine World. The monarch took out a weapon that caused the heavens and myriad realms to dim. The world trembled below the endless imperial aura!

“Bang!” Under the attack of this weapon, the skeletal bird broke apart once more and fell down from the sky. The sounds of bones breaking finally appeared. Under the attack of an imperial weapon, even the bone fragments that could be considered invincible were damaged. A few of them shattered into pieces!

“Who is using an Immortal Emperor True Treasure?!” Myriad realms were alarmed by this attack. Countless existences trembled in fear after feeling the terrifying imperial aura. Even Virtuous Paragons were horrified.

“Brightflame Imperial Cauldron!” Someone inside the city saw the imperial cauldron in the hand of the monarch and became terrified. Their legs went weak as they dropped straight down to the ground.

At this time, the monarch had the cauldron in his hand. The cauldron was a crimson that seemed as if it could incinerate the river of time. There was a supreme imperial fire surrounding its body, causing people to fall into dismay.

“Brightflame Immortal Emperor True Treasure!” Anyone would be horrified after seeing this cauldron.

When a God-Monarch controlled an imperial true treasure, its power would be immense and terrorizing. Such battle prowess was simply unstoppable in this world!

The cauldron had a notorious reputation. This was the true

treasure of Immortal Emperor [Zhuo Huo](#). Legend has it that it could burn anything!

Zhuo Huo = Brightflame

The Alchemy Kingdom had three emperors. The first emperor was named [Yao Zu](#), the second was [Bi Shi](#), and the third was Zhuo Huo.

Yao Zu = Alchemy Ancestor

Bi Shi = Stone Prison

It had been said that Immortal Emperor Zhuo Huo was the person who understood fire mastery the best since the start of time. His true treasure was refined from a destiny stone with the dao of true flame. The emperor could use his fire dao to the utmost limits. He traveled across the nine worlds and entered many ominous grounds while gathering different types of fire. Ultimately, he even invaded the sun and took away the sunflame of an entire star to finish creating his cauldron.

Rumor has it that inside this cauldron was the most tyrannical, terrifying, and mysterious flame this world has ever seen. Its complexity could incinerate everything and was feared by all.

“Thump, thump, thump!” Heavy footsteps sounded. The God-Monarch blew away the skeletal bird, so Li Qiye was also greatly affected as the one controlling the Death Chapter. However, as one of the four great techniques of the Death Scripture, even a God-Monarch couldn’t shatter the chapter!

Anyone would be appalled at the sight of an imperial true

treasure, but Li Qiye revealed a smile instead the moment he saw the monarch using his cauldron.

Li Qiye's life wheel emerged as his blood energy covered the sky. He utilized all of the death energy in his body to the limit and shouted: "Die!"

In the blink of an eye, the broken bones immediately came together again and seemed to be even more mighty than before.

Another loud phoenix-like screech appeared. The bird, strengthened by Li Qiye's chapter, soared forward to meet the monarch again!

The monarch had a fierce expression and finally erupted his blood energy. His aura was at its zenith. Despite his withered lifespan, he didn't mind expending it all to power the cauldron.

An immense sound emerged. Under the fueling of his blood energy, the lid of the cauldron finally opened as imperial flames came pouring out. This unstoppable fire burned everything in its wake. Cracking sounds emitted as even the void itself was burnt into a terrifying black hole!

Perhaps even a Godking would be burnt to death by this flowing fire. It was very far from the city, but those inside could still feel the horrifying heat. This fire seemed to be able to burn through the entire world.

“So terrifying...” A pale ancestor shivered: “One drop of imperial flame... capable of incinerating a lineage!”

The imperial flame instantly locked the attacking bird. It burned the entire skeleton into a shade of red. The people in the city could even hear the crackling, making it seem as if the entire skeletal bird would be burnt to ashes if this were to go on!

Li Qiye continued to be affected as the skeletal bird was being cooked. He took several heavy steps back as his face changed.

The madam was startled and quickly asked: “Young Master, are you alright?”

However, Li Qiye was still smiling as his body was covered with death energy. He closed his eyes and replied: “This is the feeling. This pain... this pleasure... truly the most enjoyable sensation!”

Yuan Caihe and the madam didn’t know how to respond after hearing this. Of course, they didn’t know that although the death chapter specialized in controlling dead existences, Li Qiye could feel their life and even their heartbeat. So when the bird was being melted by the imperial flame, Li Qiye could feel this ultimate sensation as well.

A feeling of a rebirth via fire. It was an indescribable and mysterious sensation!

“Zzzz... zzzz... zzz...” Series of bone-breaking sounds continued to

appear as the imperial fire continued to burn. Everyone could see that the bird's bones were not only breaking apart, they also began to melt.

A spectator murmured after seeing this scene: "It's finished. Even though these bones are heaven-defying, the imperial flame will end it all."

Another had to admit: "The Alchemy Kingdom is invincible after all. This Li Qiye fella is heaven-defying enough. Unfortunately, he shouldn't have provoked the kingdom!"

Seeing the start of the melting process, Yuan Caihe worriedly spoke: "Big Brother, the skeletal bird might not be able to hold out for much longer."

"No, this is a good thing." Li Qiye was basking in the pleasure: "I have to thank the Alchemy Kingdom. This is a great help to me. From now on, everything will be smooth and easy!" He smirked after replying to her.

At first, the monarch watched the bird's remains being melted away by the imperial flame and heaved a sigh of relief. His killing move was indeed successful.

However, after a while, he felt that something was wrong. Although the bird was melting from the heat, such a powerful existence should at least counter attack or struggle against the flame. However, the bird's remains didn't struggle at all. Instead, it seemed to be enjoying the heat. This made the monarch very

suspicious.

“Return...” The monarch immediately recalled the Brightflame Cauldron as well as the imperial flame. However, nothing happened.

“Return!” His expression quickly shifted. He immediately chanted an incantation and controlled his emperor law to move the cauldron and its flame. However, there was still no movement.

“What is going on?” While watching this scene unfold, the big shots inside the city felt that something was not right, but none of them could solve the mystery.

After three failed attempts, the monarch finally felt fear. He had never seen such a bizarre thing before. The cauldron was an imperial true treasure where one drop of its imperial flame could burn all things, but now it was no longer under his control and kept on burning the bones of the bird!

The startled monarch cried out: “Start the formation to summon back the imperial treasure!” His blood energy erupted once more as he instantly used an endless law to seal the cauldron. A series of powerful restrictive seals came out to lock the cauldron.

He was afraid of losing the true treasure. If he were to be the one to lose it, then he would become an eternal sinner of the kingdom!

“Rumble!” A hymn echoed in the sky. The ancestral ground

spewed out even more gigantic pillars of light. An imperial formation emerged from within the radiance along with a series of voices like the chanting of an Immortal Emperor.

“This is a weapon summoning formation, it induces the seal of the Heaven’s Will!” After hearing the chants of an Immortal Emperor from the formation within the ancestral ground, many people were jolted.

Immortal Emperor Life Treasures had imperial locks while an Immortal Emperor True Treasure had Heaven’s Will locks. When this Heaven’s Will lock was activated by the sect, outsiders would have no way of stealing the true treasure. Even if it became lost, the sect would still be able to summon it any time.

Unless this sect was destroyed or the Heaven’s Will lock was unlocked, the sect would always have the ability to summon their treasure even if it went missing for a long time.

To the amazement and confusion of the spectators, the Alchemy Kingdom was forced to activate their formation to summon the Brightflame Cauldron. Right now, the cauldron was still clearly burning the skeletal bird!

Chapter 770: Divine Beast Zither

“Buzz...” Eventually, under the summoning of the imperial formation, the flame finally reversed and flowed back into the cauldron. The monarch recalled the cauldron and traveled ten thousand miles instantly with one step back to the ancestral ground of the kingdom.

This sudden change left the spectators astonished.

The monarch had a cauldron with fire capable of refining all things in this world. But now, the monarch was startled and was forced to use a summoning formation to recall the cauldron. This whole series of events was too bizarre and unbelievable.

“What’s that?” Someone finally saw the giant bird’s remains in the sky and gasped in bewilderment.

In turn, many people turned to the sky. Prior to this, the skeleton was just a group of bone fragments coming together. Moreover, these individual fragments were incomplete, especially after receiving an attack from the cauldron. Many of them shattered as a result.

But now, there was substantial change to the entire skeleton. Although some were still incomplete, these black bones had turned into a golden color after being refined by the imperial flame.

It was as if each piece was crafted using a golden metal. The sections that were broken were now melded together completely.

Under the sunlight, the skeletal bird emitted a shining golden glow, giving off an untouchable sacred feeling, as if it was a supreme being, a sun god!

Everyone was under the impression that anything would be completely refined and suffer total annihilation under the flames of the Brightflame Cauldron.

However, the skeletal bird was not destroyed. On the contrary, it borrowed the refinement from the imperial flame to rebuild its bones, just like rebirth via fire.

“That, that is impossible...” The spectators were unable to believe this scene. In the legends from the start of time, no one had ever been able to withstand the imperial fire of the Brightflame Cauldron. Even a stronger item would be destroyed by its refinement, but this skeletal bird in front of them used it to rebuild itself!

“Could, could these be the bones of a divine beast or an immortal bird from the myths?” An ancestor felt a chill and remembered an archaic legend as he murmured: “Could such a creature be real?!”

Divine beasts had been discussed by people countless times. True God, Immortal Phoenix, Qilin... all of these were hot topics. Although many cultivators swore that these creatures had to exist in this world, none of them had ever seen the real thing! These creatures simply belonged in the legends and remained hidden from human eyes.

At this time, the monarch had returned to the ancestral ground. He coldly glared at Li Qiye inside the endless divine light. To be more exact, he was glaring at the skeletal bird floating above Li Qiye's head.

Under the control of the Death Chapter, it gently flapped its wings above him. Even though it was only a corpse, it was still more than frightening enough!

“This feeling... is truly great.” Li Qiye gently sighed.

The two ladies were in awe as they looked at the bird above his head. Although this skeletal bird was far from complete, its perfect shape and sacred aura evoked an unspeakable reverence.

“You are using an evil method to control the dead!” The monarch's voice was quite imposing as his eyes revealed a murderous glint.

Prior to this, he had no such bloodthirst, but it was now different. He wanted to kill Li Qiye!

“An evil method?” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: “I don't want to laugh at you since you are a God-Monarch, but these words are enough to show your ignorance! My method is even more righteous and correct than Immortal Emperors' laws!”

“You have a way with words!” The monarch coldly uttered: “I

cannot let you live any longer. An evil existence like you does not belong in this world!”

“I’m too lazy to argue with a cretin like you. It is useless to even try.” Li Qiye said: “Your murderous intent is just what I want. Today, I will justly flip over your Alchemy Kingdom! Die!” With that, he commanded the skeletal bird once more with his chapter.

The skeletal bird screeched and soared like a phoenix, forward through the world towards the God-Monarch inside the kingdom’s ancestral ground.

This scene was truly shocking. The ancestral ground was an untouchable location to many people, but Li Qiye ordered the skeletal bird to invade it. What kind of courage and decisiveness was this?!

“How presumptuous!” Another roar resounded. A different imperial aura came crashing down while the Brightflame Cauldron in the hand of the first monarch attacked again. This time, he didn’t use the flame since he understood that it would only help the bird!

“Boom!” Two unbeatable imperial auras shook the entire Stone Medicine World. Although this attack came from above the firmament, a terrifying storm still swept through the land, causing it to quake. As for the Alchemy Realm, the two auras made the domain feel like a boat lost at sea being bombarded by turbulent waves.

“Pop!” The skeletal bird was immediately blown away after being struck by the two imperial weapons, shattering once more. Pieces of golden bones flew everywhere. Some were nailed on top of a mountain while others were shot all the way up into the sky...

Li Qiye suffered a heavy backlash as well from the Death Chapter. Completely pale, he continuously staggered backward and crushed the ground behind him.

“A second God-Monarch!” Someone saw another figure emerge from the light within the ancestral ground and startingly exclaimed: “Divine Beast Zither! The true treasure of Immortal Emperor Bi Shi!”

Everyone was shocked to see a second God-Monarch from the ancestral ground. For many lineages, having one true God-Monarch was already amazing and worthy of pride.

However, two God-Monarchs had appeared inside the ancestral ground. Moreover, the other one was wielding an imperial weapon named the Divine Beast Zither from the second emperor of the Alchemy Kingdom!

One must understand that when one lineage had two God-Monarchs with two true treasures, such battle power was simply unrivaled.

People finally experienced the strength of the kingdom and understood what a behemoth really was! This one sect alone had two God-Monarchs and two imperial true treasures!

“Even if a Godking personally comes, they wouldn’t be able to resolve this situation unless they also have an imperial true weapon. Otherwise, the power of a Godking alone would not be able to change the tides at all.” No matter who they were, they felt cold sweat running down their backs from watching such an amazing scene. Normally, meeting one God-Monarch was already more difficult than reaching the heavens, but now, two came out of nowhere!

“Zzzzz—” The skeleton that was broken by the two imperial weapons returned back to its perfect condition once more!

“A useless struggle.” The two monarchs coldly leered at Li Qiye. The first monarch uttered: “Surrender now, it would be useless even if you are heaven-defying!”

“Oh?” Li Qiye revealed a mysterious smile: “Very well, I’ll let you see my killing move!”

“Open!” Li Qiye screamed and spewed out a gulp of longevity blood onto the Death Chapter. In the blink of an eye, the blood dried up and turned into a billowing death energy that was instantly absorbed by the chapter.

“Buzz!” Under the support of the monstrous death energy, the chapter became inordinately powerful. The moment it revolved, its law quickly dove into the earth and sealed this land!

A cataclysmic flame instantly erupted throughout the entire

Alchemy City! All of its mountains and rivers were engulfed by this monstrous fire.

“Shit, it’s burning!” Everyone from all corners of the city was scared out of their wits. Many people rushed up into the sky.

However, when they took a second look, they found that although the city was engulfed in flames, this fire didn’t seem to be in the same world as everyone else. Despite the raging flames, no one felt any heat or even the presence of the wildfire. It was as if this was only an illusion. However, this was definitely not the case. The hot flame that was devouring the sky had the momentum of a world-ending disaster — extremely tyrannical. It also carried along flashing black rays. The moment these black rays moved in the fire, it gave a very creepy sensation.

An ancestor from a great power exclaimed in horror: “This, this is deathfire!”

“Fire is also divided into life and death?” A junior was amazed after hearing this. In the eyes of cultivators, fire simply didn’t have life.

“Legend states that this world has deathfire. After any kind of flame burns out in this world, it leaves behind ashes. However, if someone was able to communicate with the underworld, then they could rekindle the flames from the ashes. This type of fire is called deathfire!” The ancestor murmured.

“But, this is impossible!” The raging fire appearing out of

nowhere and scorched the entire city, leaving the monarchs
aghast!

Chapter 771: Phoenix

Even the two God-Monarchs took deep breaths at this moment. They knew more than outsiders and recognized what the deathfire that had just burnt the entire city was. However, this fire was something impossible for beings like them to fathom.

Ever since that year, no one could make the raging fire emerge again. It was just like a piece of wood that burnt halfway then extinguished. A very long time later, even if one set it on fire again, it wouldn't be the same fire as the past.

Thus, it was impossible to make the firewood relive the same past fire. It was impossible even for Immortal Emperors unless they were capable of reversing time or communicating with the underworld!

But now, the deathfire that had engulfed this city appeared once more, and the two God-Monarchs knew what it was.

Li Qiye shouted: "Appear now, it is time for me to harvest!" A hurricane of death energy sprung from the Death Chapter and turned into a universal law that drilled into the ground.

"Thump, thump, thump." A series of monstrous heartbeats resounded as if a gargantuan heart was thumping.

The ancestral ground quaked with each beat as if something was about to break itself out of the ancestral ground.

“What is that thing?” Everyone in the city could hear the heartbeat. They couldn’t help but look towards the ancestral ground in shock.

“Junior, we can’t allow you to live any longer!” The disturbed monarchs cried out and attacked with reckless abandon at the same time, disregarding the cost to their blood energy. The two imperial true treasures unleashed their power!

“Begin...” Li Qiye simply snorted in the face of two invincible treasures. Countless laws from the chapter emerged, and death energy appeared in the flame!

“Screech!” Amidst all the commotion, the skeletal bird let out a loud cry and spread its wings. The deathfire covering the city seemed to have absorbed a great power and surged towards the bird’s body like a flood bursting through a dam. After the absorption, an unbelievable heatwave swept through the city, and the bird underwent monumental changes as if it had been revived.

“Screeech!” A Phoenix’s cry resounded as an immortal brilliance erupted from the bird. At this time, the bird in the sky ceased to be a mere bird, it had become a Phoenix!

“A Phoenix...” All were stunned after seeing the transformations taking place in the sky. Even an ancestor from a great power screamed out in fear!

A Phoenix, a real Phoenix. These beings were extremely holy and

sacred. Nothing could imitate their supreme presence as they appeared before the world.

“A Phoenix, the legend of Alchemy City is real!” An old undying from an ancient lineage had to cry out.

“Boom!” The attack from the Brightflame Cauldron came forth murderously, capable of suppressing myriad laws and destroying all things!

However, the moment the Phoenix soared to the sky and attacked, even the God-Monarch with his cauldron was powerless. The beast swept through the invincible imperial aura and instantly blew the monarch flying with spurting blood.

“Zhang zhang!” The tunes of a zither accompanied the endless power of the Divine Beast Zither that surged forward! One could hear different roars within the tunes as well as images of divine creatures jumping out: True Dragon, Phoenix, Qilin...

The Phoenix’s roar echoed across the nine heavens as it glided down from above. It tore apart everything in its path. In an instant, one could see it killing the beastly images from the Divine Beast Zither.

Such a scene was truly moving! Tearing a dragon and splitting apart a phoenix! This made people’s hearts want to jump out from their fleshly cages; no one could look straight at this overbearing and domineering spectacle.

“A fake is still a fake in the end. It doesn’t matter if the weapon uses universal laws to create them, they can’t compare to a real Phoenix.” Li Qiye nodded after watching the Phoenix killing the beasts from the zither.

The madam emotionally spoke: “This Phoenix is so powerful...”

Li Qiye shook his head: “More like it is too weak. Strictly speaking, it is not a real Phoenix since it took form from one’s corpse. If it was still alive, then it would be unfathomable. Keep in mind that when it wanted to be reborn via fire, it was already comparable to an Immortal Emperor! Unfortunately, something unexpected happened that resulted in its demise!”

“This majestic creature actually existed in this world?” Yuan Caihe was in awe.

Li Qiye slightly shook his head: “Strictly speaking, it does not belong here, at least not in this world!”

“Poof!” The monarch could no longer bear it. Although he had recklessly expended his blood energy to fuel the zither, it couldn’t turn the tides. Even more divine beasts surrounded the Phoenix only to be torn apart by it. Eventually, this monarch vomited blood. An imperial true treasure required the support of a large amount of blood energy, so he could no longer sustain it.

While all were horrified by this scene, someone murmured: “They have to unleash an Imperial Massacre or Heavenly Annihilation!”

However, the monarchs also knew very clearly that once they unleashed a Heavenly Annihilation, their death would be a foregone conclusion because of their withered longevity blood. A Heavenly Annihilation would require the support of all of their longevity blood! Once the blood was used up, only death would await them!

“Buzz!” In the blink of an eye, another imperial aura rushed out from the ancestral ground. The moment it appeared, the thumping of the heart finally died down.

An ancestor felt this aura and exclaimed: “A third Immortal Emperor True Treasure, the one from Immortal Emperor Yao Zu!”

The Alchemy Kingdom using all three of its defining treasures would frighten just about anyone!

“This is all of you forcing my hand.” Li Qiye’s eyes turned cold. He opened his mouth and sprayed out more longevity blood on the Death Chapter.

“Buzz.” The death energy of the chapter turned into a tidal wave that rushed into the ground.

Longevity blood was extremely precious to cultivators, but Li Qiye had spat out two mouthfuls. He grew pale since his loss was considerable this time around.

‘Rumble!’ At the center of Alchemy City, a gigantic divine tree rose from below. One could hear crackling noises the moment this tree emerged as it was instantly burned by the deathfire.

The endless deathfire turned this divine tree into a fire tree. Great spiritual souls jumped inside the deathfire. This was the result of the divine tree burning.

“Screech!” The Phoenix sang again. The moment the phoenix flame on its body turned into a vortex, the burnt divine tree also flew upward. The phoenix carried the tree on its back, and the spiritual fire on the tree’s body rushed into the phoenix’s body, empowering its phoenix flame and making it even more dazzling!

With another screech, the Phoenix’s chest opened. Waves of immortal universal laws emerged in a dazzling manner before turning into a vortex.

“Thump, thump, thump.” The deafening heartbeats resounded again, even stronger than before.

“Stop it!” The two wounded monarchs from the Alchemy Kingdom were alarmed. They knew what the Phoenix wanted to do.

However, even if the kingdom wanted to suppress the thing being sealed, they were powerless. This Phoenix didn’t only have its own phoenix flame, it also had the divine flame from the tree. This made it extremely powerful!

“Boom!” Eventually, after a loud blast, an extremely mighty force tore apart one location in the ancestral ground. An item then flew out from below!

It soared out and instantly flew into the Phoenix’s exposed chest. Under the protection of the immortal laws, the phoenix’s chest immediately closed.

An ancestor with great eyesight saw the thing that flew into the Phoenix and exclaimed: “That, that was a heart!”

“Oh god...” Tie Yi dropped to the ground with a pale expression, absent-minded as he murmured: “The legend is real, the kingdom was really storing that item... So unbelievable, they actually had a phoenix’s heart!”

“The legend is real. Alchemy City used to be called Phoenix City!” Someone who knew the old legends became stupefied.

This legend stated that a very long time ago, this land had a divine tree and a phoenix. Eventually, the phoenix aimed for rebirth and burned the divine tree. However, it couldn’t reach its goal and was instead burnt to ashes!

“No...” The monarchs from the kingdom screamed unwillingly after seeing the heart rejoin the body of the Phoenix.

“Buzz...” After regaining its heart, the immortal rays of light from the Phoenix’s wings began to pulse.

It was as if multiple Immortal Worlds were appearing inside this pulsing brilliance. The Phoenix appeared to be invincible at this moment. Even ancestor-level characters were completely suppressed!

“Junior, don’t even dream about leaving today!” The two monarchs grimaced!

“Rumble!” A series of thunderous detonations rang out. Terrifying figures emerged from the ancestral ground, accompanied by a blinding radiance that illuminated the entire Alchemy Kingdom!

However, it did not stop there. After these terrifying figures emerged, a series of huge imperial formations appeared in the depths of the ancestral ground. These formations that were capable of imprisoning the heavens rushed to the sky!

Meanwhile, imperial weapons appeared one after another. They emitted invincible auras to protect the entire ancestral ground. At this moment, the ancestral ground had turned into a citadel protected by Immortal Emperors. Even a God-Monarch would feel chills in their heart upon arriving at this scene!

Chapter 772: Conclusion Without Fighting

The floating imperial formations were being guarded by weapons along with many legendary masters, eternal existences in the divine light, and the two God-Monarchs.

At this moment, outside of Godkings as of yet unrevealed, the Alchemy Kingdom had unveiled their entire hand. However, it was still not their ace!

Those who were lucky enough to see it all were shocked and frightened by this terrifying scene. No matter who they might be, they were at a loss for words.

This was a true foundation! A few Heavenly Kings and ancestors took pride in their sect's foundation, but compared to the Alchemy Kingdom's, any other foundation would suddenly seem poor and unworthy of mentioning!

“The Alchemy Kingdom's imperial family... This is the real deal!” A great power's ancestor became dejected after realizing that his sect's hidden power was nothing compared to the kingdom's.

Li Qiye stood on the back of the Phoenix that emitted swaying divine fire from the tree. His body seemed to be infected by its divinity, causing him to resemble a god.

“The power of the Alchemy Kingdom, eh?” Li Qiye smirked: “I wonder if the ultimate method left behind by the three emperors will be able to save your kingdom or not; just this won't be able to

do anything to me. I'll tell you anyway, the Phoenix below me is a real phoenix. But of course, you know this better than I do since its heart was in your possession. You should also know that once this Phoenix is truly revived... Ah, I don't need to say any more about its power."

"Junior, hold your gloating." The monarch coldly said: "Wait until it's actually revived, then you can say that again. There is no need for our ultimate method just to suppress it right now! Our current power is plenty enough!"

The other God-Monarch added: "Junior, this is the final warning. Hand over the Phoenix or else don't even dream about leaving this place alive!"

All the spectators were holding their breaths. Many of them understood that any cost was worth it to the kingdom if Li Qiye handed over the Phoenix.

"It seems like all of you think that you have the ability to hold me down since my Phoenix has yet to undergo rebirth." Li Qiye smiled: "Very well, you still have a secret move and my true ace has been prepared as well! Come! Let us battle!"

"Buzz." The moment these words were spoken, endless immortal lights shot into the sky. The Phoenix sent out countless immortal laws like inverse waterfalls, climbing higher and higher in the sky. Each law by itself could suppress the heavens. Even before the Phoenix attacked, the entire ancestral ground was already trembling.

The entire world was shaken from the Phoenix emitting its aura as well. Many existences even had the illusion that an Immortal Emperor was arriving.

Archaic eyes opened and gazed towards the Alchemy Kingdom. This scene left even these ancient existences quiet for a long time.

A majestic pillar of light rose from the ancestral ground. Its imperial aura ravaged the earth and suppressed myriad ages. The entire kingdom trembled at this time as all the experts continued to prostrate on the ground from the pressure.

At this minute, it seemed like the Alchemy Kingdom was ready to fight to the bitter end. This was no longer a simple personal feud to them. Li Qiye had stolen their Phoenix's heart, and they would never let this go.

“Venerable Ancestors, please halt.” At the moment when tension ran high on both sides, the prelude to the great battle, a supreme melodious voice came about.

An unparalleled beauty drifted through the sky from the depths of the ancestral ground as if she was a fairy from the nine heavens — kingdom toppling and intoxicating.

“Ming Yexue...” A big shot recognized her and became startled.

“Fairy Ming!” The moment the younger generation saw her, they

immediately lost their minds due to her charm. Many of them even forgot about the upcoming battle!

The majority of them had only heard of her name and had never seen her in person. However, upon seeing her today, the younger generation was enchanted as they indulged in her beautiful appearance.

The ancestors of the kingdom grimaced after Ming Yexue's sudden appearance when the battle was about to begin, especially after hearing those words.

One of the God-Monarchs frowned and said: "Xue'er, it is not the time to talk."

Ming Yexue slightly shook her head: "This disciple respects all the decisions made by Venerable Ancestors. However, Ancestor Wushuang ordered for my arrival, so please, Ancestors, [harmony is to be prized](#)."

She is saying stop the battle.

"Ancestor Wushuang's order?" The other monarch deepened his tone: "Xue'er, this matter has grave implications for our kingdom's honor. We cannot take it lightly!"

All of the ancestors wanted to take Li Qiye down. They would not let go until this was accomplished!

"This disciple also knows that this relates to the honor of our

sect, so Ancestor Wushuang allowed me to come with his seal so that I could calm this storm.” Having said that, she slowly raised an old seal.

The two words “[Wushuang](#)” were carved on this seal. The moment this seal appeared, the aura of a Godking assaulted everyone as if one had personally arrived.

Wushuang = Peerless/Unmatched.

“The seal of the ancestor!” Even the two monarchs were moved, bowing their heads after seeing this seal. As for the other ancestors, they immediately prostrated and kowtowed in worship three times.

“Ancestor Wushuang of the kingdom is actually still alive, this is incredible. After so many years, he still lingers in this world. If it was a different ancestor, they wouldn’t be able to handle this arduous journey across time even with Blood Era Stones.” Anyone would feel their heart sink after seeing this seal.

Ancestor Wushuang was a legendary existence. Some said that he had an unmatched constitution. Others said that he had three saint aptitudes. There were also those who praised that both his cultivation and alchemy were peerless. Then there were the worshippers who claimed that his lifespan was without equal, believing that he was the oldest living existence in the kingdom, a legend that had always been buried in Blood Era Stones in the deepest location of their ancestral ground!

Although the atmosphere was tense to the extreme, the

monarchs and the ancestors eventually retreated. However, their piercing gazes remained fixated on Li Qiye.

“Young Noble Li, I am coming with utmost sincerity to calm this storm.” With boundless grace, Ming Yexue walked forward alone to see Li Qiye.

Li Qiye stared at Ming Yexue while standing on top of the Phoenix. He was silent and didn't reply.

Her eyes that were as bright as the stars above in the night sky and as clear as flowing water looked straight at him: “I hope Young Noble Li can stop this battle.”

“So it has eventually come to this.” Li Qiye sighed softly. In the end, he didn't attack. He had nothing to fear when it came to the kingdom, but he was not willing to massacre them even if he intended to do so since Ming Yexue came out.

Li Qiye calmly said: “I need a word with you in private.”

Ming Yexue didn't think twice and agreed to his request.

This was vastly different from what people expected. Even the monarchs and the ancestors didn't expect this development.

“Fairy Ming's charm is boundless, even Li Qiye was captivated by her.” The last generation lamented after seeing this.

Many people assumed that Li Qiye had lost to her charm, but they didn't know that this was not the case at all.

The two of them entered a room at a secretive location, unknown to third parties. Ming Yexue spoke with sincerity: "This trouble was due to a misunderstanding between Young Noble and my kingdom. I came at the request of my ancestor with goodwill to quell this disturbance."

"Yexue, whether this is a misunderstanding or not does not matter to me." Li Qiye lightly waved his sleeve: "I can pretend that nothing had happened, I can even return the Phoenix's heart to your kingdom. Moreover, I can assist all of you, and perhaps, the Phoenix can truly be reborn in the future!"

After hearing this, Ming Yexue quickly responded: "Your benevolence will be met with appreciation by our kingdom..."

Li Qiye shook his head: "No, Yexue, there is no free meal in this world. I have a condition!"

Ming Yexue took a deep breath as she braced herself with a solemn expression: "What is Young Noble's condition? If it is within our abilities, then everything is negotiable."

Li Qiye chuckled and gave his answer clearly: "My condition can either be difficult or easy. It all depends on you. I only want you, for you to follow me!"

I only want you! Such an overbearing statement! Any outsider hearing this would have strange thoughts, inevitably thinking that Li Qiye had become fascinated by her.

Ming Yexue didn't think that this was a confession. She was slightly dazed and found another meaning to his words!

“If I can do something for the sect, if I can prevent this disaster, then I am more than willing to follow you.” Ming Yexue responded in a serious manner: “But Young Noble, you must know that I am a disciple and I cannot make a decision regarding this matter. This isn't something the ancestors decide either.” She gently sighed.

Li Qiye chuckled: “This is up to Hundred-Life, right?”

Ming Yexue remained unperturbed like calm water at the bottom of a well and nodded: “If Young Noble requires me to go with you, then I will have to ask the forefather. Only with his permission would we be able to agree to your demand.”

Chapter 773: Close Conversation

Li Qiye nodded with narrowed eyes: “Good, since Hundred-Life is still alive, everything will be easy for me. I want to meet Hundred-Life!”

“I’m afraid Young Noble misunderstood something.” The moment Li Qiye put on this expression, Ming Yexue had an unspeakable feeling of familiarity: “Forefather knows nothing about this conflict. Moreover, he has not asked about the world in a very long time.”

“No matter.” Li Qiye smiled: “If you didn’t come forward, I was more than happy to flip over the Alchemy Kingdom. Your kingdom has maintained a low profile for too long and has forgotten a couple things. A few people have become restless!”

Ming Yexue paused for a moment. She didn’t wish to discuss this matter further, so she softly said: “We can try to arrange a meeting if Young Noble wants to meet our forefather. However, this will take some time, I hope Young Noble can wait.”

Li Qiye didn’t say anything else while looking at Ming Yexue. A moment later, he gently reached out and lifted Ming Yexue’s finely sculpted chin.

Such an action was extremely frivolous. No one had ever dared to treat Ming Yexue this way, but she didn’t reject him. She closed her pretty eyes to embrace this atmosphere.

The two of them were inches from each other, and they could even hear each other's breaths. It seemed as if time stood still. A long while later, Li Qiye gently caressed her soft and beautiful face.

In the minds of many, Ming Yexue was an untouchable fairy. She could only be worshiped from afar and was not to be tainted with obscene thoughts!

Ming Yexue, with her eyes closed, sensed Li Qiye's rhythm and aura. An indescribable sense of familiarity invaded and overwhelmed her mind.

"Young Noble, there are many things I don't understand." After a long time, she lifted her head to look at him, a hint of doubt in her charming eyes.

Li Qiye withdrew his hand that still carried her sweet fragrance: "I will tell you later. At least, not before this matter with the Alchemy Kingdom concludes."

"Can Young Noble not live in peace with the kingdom?" Even someone as supreme as Ming Yexue couldn't help but sigh. When she sighed softly, the whole world would swoon over her. Her sentimental demeanor would break the hearts of countless cultivators.

Li Qiye dismissively replied: "Peaceful coexistence cannot be achieved. To put it bluntly, when the kingdom sees me, it should retreat or act as my subservient subjects!"

Ming Yexue was slightly startled; she knew that this had something to do with a past unknown to her!

Li Qiye continued: “You know, if I really wanted to take you away, the Alchemy Kingdom wouldn’t be able to stop me. I can even erase your memories of anything related to the Alchemy Kingdom. However, I would only do so if there was no other way; I do not want this to happen because you are still you, you are not a puppet but rather a living being with your own mind!”

He wistfully sighed at this point. After millions of years, some changes were inevitable.

“I am very grateful for your consideration.” Ming Yexue answered slowly, her words full of sincerity.

Li Qiye said dismissively: “Very well, this time will be a warning to your kingdom. If I truly wanted to destroy it, then I wouldn’t be sitting here with you! Tell those old-timers for me that this is not the time for your kingdom to have any funny ideas and use this chance to break the promise from the past. If it wasn’t for Hundred-Life, your Alchemy Kingdom would have ceased to exist!”

Li Qiye’s eyes became serious as he sneered. To outsiders, the ancestors of the kingdom appearing was to suppress Li Qiye and to take revenge for the deceased Alchemy Ancestor! However, Li Qiye was well aware of the true reasons behind the whole thing!

“Young Noble, I will certainly convey your message.” Ming Yexue was able to guess some of the details, but she was not

completely clear. Only ancestor level characters knew this matter completely.

“What about the Phoenix’s heart?” Ming Yexue had to ask. The heart was too important to the kingdom. It was a priceless treasure that had been gestated by the kingdom for countless moons. Its value was no less than an imperial true treasure!

“I want the heart of the Phoenix.” Li Qiye lightly said: “The Alchemy Kingdom should remember this matter! A few people do not need to play dumb!”

“I’m afraid it is not up for me to decide this matter.” Ming Yexue bitterly smiled, but even her bitter smile was very beautiful.

“It is not up to the Alchemy Kingdom either.” Li Qiye said: “Even if your group of geezers do not want to do so, they must give it up regardless! You can tell Wushuang! It doesn’t matter whether old Wushuang is in charge or if Hundred-Life is in charge or anyone else for that matter! In short, the sole reason why I am stopping for now is out of consideration for you. Your kingdom shouldn’t try me again, or else I’ll massacre a whole group before you can even respond!”

Ming Yexue gently sighed. It seemed that there was no room for negotiation regarding the Phoenix’s heart: “Can Young Noble talk about the Phoenix? Can you really revive it?”

“Revive?” Li Qiye stroked his chin as his gaze wandered towards the horizon.

The legend regarding Phoenix City was true. In a very ancient age at Phoenix City, there was a divine tree and a Phoenix.

A very long time later, both of these existences neared their ends. The Phoenix burned the divine tree in order to use it to attempt rebirth. Although there were no Immortal Emperors during this era, this Phoenix was a real and matured Immortal Bird. Its power was definitely no less than an emperor's.

However, it still failed to be reborn in fire. Under the endless divine flames and the boundless tribulation, it was completely annihilated! The divine tree shared a similar fate.

However, it left behind a certain something despite its failure and subsequent demise. There was still a little piece of its heart that was not turned into ashes in addition to some bone fragments.

However, these burnt bone fragments were far less impressive than the small piece of the heart. This heart was lost in the deepest parts of the earth and guarded by countless dangerous sealing formations after this disaster!

Later on, Immortal Emperor Yao Zu found the path to the Alchemy Vein and built the ancestral foundation for the Alchemy Kingdom. He obtained that piece of the heart below Alchemy City!

Moreover, he was quite lucky since he coincidentally had a supreme Immortal Medicine. He used it after obtaining the heart to actually revive it and formed one drop of Phoenix's Blood.

With this first blood drop as well as the heart, the emperor was able to use this land to gestate this little heart. After many years of nurturing, a complete Phoenix's heart finally appeared.

In a future generation, Li Qiye also explored this land. However, he gave up after finding the bone remnants. Although these bones belonged to a Phoenix, they had become useless after being refined countless times by the tribulation and fire; they were no different from animal bones. Even an Immortal Emperor would not be able to instill any divinity into them.

However, in this generation, Li Qiye had obtained the Death Scripture, shifting the entire paradigm. After coming to Alchemy City, he specifically chose this mountain, the old roost of the Phoenix.

He once again found the useless bones underground and used the Death Chapter to communicate with this land before immersing it in his death energy.

The Phoenix's rebirth ultimately failed, but its divinity returned to the land. Normally, nothing could revive one's dead divinity. However, the Death Chapter was able to do so. This was the mystical and frightening aspect of the Nine Grand Heavenly Scriptures!

Through the mysticisms of the Death Chapter, Li Qiye finally reached through this earth with his death energy and allowed the Phoenix's bone fragments to reform to defeat the monarchs of the

kingdom!

This process was easier said than done. In fact, if Li Qiye was not already familiar with its mysteries from his past efforts, he wouldn't be able to reproduce the Phoenix despite cultivating the Death Scripture!

“Can the Phoenix come back to life?” Ming Yexue asked again. Curiosity got the better of even a fairy-like lady like her. A Phoenix! This was a real Immortal Bird that did not exist in this world!

The big question was about the past Phoenix in this land. Where did it come from? This would remain an unsolvable mystery! The rebirth of a Phoenix would be completely unfathomable!

“Although your Alchemy Kingdom has gestated the heart for many years to the extent that it has completely recovered, it is still difficult beyond words to revive a real Phoenix.” Li Qiye said: “This process requires massive effort from your kingdom! Moreover, success is not certain.”

He chuckled here before continuing: “If your kingdom really wants to try, then I can attempt it once. Of course, the cost will be beyond your imagination. I can even say that when the creature revives, I won't need it and will give it to your kingdom!”

Ming Yexue was slightly jolted after hearing this. A Phoenix was definitely something that could drive the world crazy. The kingdom would surely want it if Li Qiye was willing to hand it

over!

However, as Li Qiye said, the cost must be beyond imagination. Even their kingdom would not be able to bear this price!

“Fate cannot be forced.” Ming Yexue gently shook her head: “In that case, just let it be.”

“I won’t force it.” Li Qiye gently caressed her cheek: “Well, because of you, forget it. I only need the Phoenix’s heart this time, nothing else! Just tell those old men to not provoke me again!”

Ming Yexue quietly bemoaned the situation. Although she hoped for this outcome, it still wouldn’t be so easy.

Chapter 774: Duel Against The White Haired Alchemy God

The conversation between Li Qiye and Ming Yexue finally came to an end. The moment Li Qiye reappeared before the world was back in Alchemy City, immediately coming under the eyes of many. Every spectator wanted to know how this storm would end.

Eventually, the imperial auras disappeared and the imperial family recalled their formations and weapons while Li Qiye stopped his attack.

After seeing this, everyone understood that the battle had come to a peaceful conclusion. The two sides did not reach an all out war.

They were very curious and wanted to know what Li Qiye and Ming Yexue talked about. For what reasons did the tyrannical Li Qiye agree to end this conflict?

Different speculations arose. Some thought that Li Qiye was charmed by Ming Yexue. This speculation was not strange at all. Ming Yexue had been deified as the number one beauty of the Stone Medicine World. No one was free from intoxication after seeing her.

Others guessed that the Alchemy Kingdom made concessions and eventually handed over treasures to end this battle!

Although the battle had come to an end, it was far from finished. After leaving the ancestral ground of Alchemy City, Li Qiye headed straight for the White Hair Alchemy God's place.

This action immediately attracted others. They knew that Li Qiye was about to deal with the white hair alchemist.

“This guy really wants to sweep over everything. Now, even the white hair alchemist is about to suffer!” A big shot murmured after seeing this.

“I wonder how many experts from the previous generation the alchemist will be able to mobilize. If he doesn't have enough, then he will be in grave danger. It might not be too late for him to run back to the Bailian Clan right now.” An alchemist was quite worried.

Prior to this, many people would've thought that Li Qiye didn't know his own capabilities by going to challenge the white hair alchemist. Everyone knew the alchemist's influence. With one word, countless near-death old monsters would be willing to work for him. However, it was another story now. A devilish person like Li Qiye was able to shake even the Alchemy Kingdom. This was more than enough for the world to look at him twice!

Many alchemists hoped that white hair could leave the city before Li Qiye's arrival. Li Qiye had already killed Cao Guoyao, so they didn't wish to see the white hair alchemist being disposed of as well.

However, the alchemist did not escape. When Li Qiye reached his abode, he was already standing outside of the door, waiting. He resembled a swan among a flock of hen — extremely brilliant. Especially his hair, as black as jade, that caused him to stand out.

“You’re finally here.” The alchemist was not surprised to see Li Qiye. He was well prepared for this moment.

The crowd prepped themselves, wanting to see how the alchemist would deal with this trouble. Whether he would bow and apologize or call for old undyings to help him and fight Li Qiye to the bitter end, everyone wanted to know.

“I heard you wanted my life. Very well, here I am, right in front of your door.” Li Qiye sat in his carriage and lazily stared at the alchemist.

The alchemist took a deep breath. He had always been a proud person no matter the occasion! He laughed proudly: “Li Qiye, your abilities are heaven-defying and devilish — I know this very well. However, you have killed the disciples of my clan, so regardless of whether I have the capability to gain vengeance or not, I will not back down!”

“Is that so? You have piqued my curiosity, what is your plan?” Li Qiye didn’t bother explaining the sacred doctor’s death. It didn’t matter that the Bailian Clan viewed him as the murderer.

He smiled leisurely and continued: “I’ll play with you if you want my life. Use all of your abilities now so that no one can say I didn’t

give you a chance.”

The anxious spectators were all watching closely to see how the alchemist would deal with Li Qiye in this unfavorable situation!

The alchemist composed himself with a deep breath. Even when Li Qiye was fierce enough to fight against the Alchemy Kingdom, he still held his head high and looked straight at Li Qiye.

“Li Qiye, regarding methods and war, I am not your equal! I can admit at least this.” The alchemist proudly said: “However, I want to change the battlefield! I am someone who has studied longevity medicines my whole life! I want to compete against you with one batch!”

Li Qiye couldn't help but smile at the proud alchemist: “It seems like you are completely confident in your dao of alchemy.”

The alchemist chuckled: “I cannot compare to you regarding wood mastery and insect mastery. However, I claim to be a king at refining longevity medicines! No one in the younger generation can compare to me!”

Despite knowing Li Qiye's ability full well, the alchemist was still able to utter such proud words. However, his words rang true since he was indeed unmatched in the younger generation!

The alchemist held his head high and continued: “Do you dare to bet? If I lose, then there is no need for you to do anything, I will

end myself! If you don't dare, then I am standing right here, come and take my life!"

Everyone was caught off guard to the point of being astonished after hearing the alchemist. No one thought that he would use this type of method. What if Li Qiye refused? Wouldn't he just be killed on the spot?

Li Qiye asked: "Is this a dare?"

The proud alchemist responded: "Think of it as you please. In short, if I lose to you in refining longevity medicines, then I will accept my death willingly. My clan also won't come to bother you!"

The onlookers watched with bated breaths. They were waiting for Li Qiye to make a decision. Anyone else would not accept this bet with the alchemist and would just directly take his life instead. Li Qiye had the absolute advantage right now — this was as clear as day to everyone!

Under such favorable conditions, taking the alchemist's life was the most simple method. Only a fool would take the bet against the alchemist. Everyone knew that he was unequaled in this regard, so who would be willing to compete against him?

However, Li Qiye had always acted as that fool time and time again. On the matters that others didn't dare to do, he would do so without hesitation!

“Somewhat interesting.” Li Qiye stroked his chin a bit: “I am a person with a little hobby, and that is to break the pride of people so that they can taste despair. Very well, I will use the longevity medicines that you know so well to defeat you; I will let you have a taste of despair! The bet is on!”

Li Qiye’s choice left everyone rolling their eyes. This was simply too crazy. To give up his absolute advantage and choose to compete in the enemy’s field of expertise... Only a madman would do such a thing!

“This decisiveness and charisma... No one in the younger generation can compare to him!” An ancestor emotionally said: “So young yet so domineering!”

“Well then, how do you want to do this?” The alchemist became even more confident after Li Qiye voiced his agreement. He knew that he was inferior compared to Li Qiye regarding martial strength, but he was certain of victory in a competition of longevity medicine refinement.

Li Qiye cheerfully said: “If we are going to do it, then let’s make it interesting by refining emperor medicines!”

“Very well, emperor medicines it is!” The alchemist responded without any hesitation even when emperor medicines were brought up. This was indicative of his confidence regarding alchemy!

Everyone, especially the great powers’ ancestors, was shaken

after hearing that it was a bet involving emperor medicines. They became quite excited and only wished that this bet would happen even faster.

Emperor medicines were the highest level of longevity medicines. At least, this was what the majority of people thought. Although they were referred to as emperor medicines, they were nearly exclusively used by Virtuous Paragons.

Generally, Immortal Emperors would not use emperor medicines unless they were of the highest level. Immortal Emperors rarely used longevity medicines because normally, there were other options for them!

But as for Virtuous Paragons, longevity medicines were priceless treasures. The better they were, the more precious they would be. At this time, the crowd's anticipation ran high. The spectating ancestors were hoping that they would be able to buy the medicines if given the chance. Nothing could be better!

“Since we are betting with emperor medicines, we have to select the alchemy ingredients first.” The alchemist told Li Qiye.

Li Qiye didn't seem to care too much as he answered: “It isn't difficult to select the ingredients. You can decide the exact specifications and I'll follow suit.”

Emperor-rank longevity medicines required ingredients of three million years or older. When the ingredients had varying quality, the quality of the end result would change as well.

“If Fairy Yuan doesn’t mind, the ingredients can be specified by you. The cost will be borne by us.” The alchemist sought Yuan Caihe’s assistance.

“If Daofriend Bailian can trust me, then I can select two batches of ingredients from the Serene Garden.” Yuan Caihe pondered for a moment before nodding her head.

The garden stored the most precious ingredients in the Stone Medicine World. It was not empty words when people said that the garden was the best at cultivating plants and medicines.

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The white hair alchemist spoke: “Fairy Yuan is respected by all the lineages in our world, so I trust your reputation!”

Yuan Caihe looked at Li Qiye and was met with a nod as well. After gaining the consent of both parties, Yuan Caihe said: “In that case, I will prepare two batches of ingredients with the same age. However, I need some time, at least three days.”

The alchemist decisively asked: “Good, we will settle our wager at Stonecauldron Peak in five days, do you agree?”

Li Qiye chuckled at the alchemist’s great confidence and said: “Five days it is. No problems here.” Having said that, he left with his group.

The alchemist also went inside and didn’t show his face again. He didn’t meet any guests as he was changing his mindset, preparing to defeat Li Qiye!

Li Qiye went back to his mountain with the group. However, Yuan Caihe had to go back to the Serene Garden to prepare two batches of ingredients, so she borrowed the Alchemy Kingdom’s portal to expedite the trip.

Alchemy City became quite lively after hearing of the longevity medicine competition between Li Qiye and the White Hair Alchemy God. The alchemy conference had yet to start, but there had already been many storms. The first was the death of Cao

Guoyao, and now the white hair alchemist wanted to compete against Li Qiye. How could the crowd not be excited?

The alchemists all wanted to see the two's supreme dao of alchemy. Back when Li Qiye fought against Cao Guoyao, all the alchemists understood that Li Qiye had the ability to challenge the four prodigies.

Needless to say, the white hair alchemist was considered the number one expert regarding longevity medicines in this world, at least among the younger generation.

Both of them were worth watching, and either could broaden any alchemist's horizons! As for the other cultivators, they were quite thrilled as well. The younger generation took it well since they did not need longevity medicines. However, this was not the case for the older generation, especially characters of the ancestor level. They wanted nothing more than for this showdown to start already.

In normal circumstances, it would be prohibitively difficult to ask an alchemist to refine one batch of supreme longevity medicine. In fact, alchemists capable of such a task could be counted on one's hand in the entire Stone Medicine World.

But now, two batches were about to be refined. For the ancestors, this meant that they would have a chance to buy these longevity medicines, so how could they contain their excitement?

After returning to his garden, Li Qiye showed that he simply

didn't care for the bet. Madam Zi Yan also had confidence in her Young Master. She would be worried in the past, but after watching her Young Master's methods and his dao of alchemy, she was certain of his victory before they even began!

Tie Yi was injured, so he went to rest first. Li Qiye took out the pentagate to seal the room before solemnly taking out the Phoenix.

The Phoenix, at this time, was very different from the Phoenix that had been controlled by the Death Chapter. It only had an incomplete skeletal structure along with the Phoenix's heart.

It didn't have the immortal presence of supreme laws. However, the heart was still jumping up and down with blazing sparks. After devouring a huge amount of deathfire, it was able to produce a phoenix's flame again.

Despite its heart beating powerfully, this bird was still dead without any flesh or blood, only bones that resembled divine metals. Needless to say, it didn't have a soul or life either.

The madam couldn't help but ask while gazing at the bird: "Young Master, can this Phoenix be revived?" After seeing its supreme presence, anyone would want to see what a real living Phoenix looked like.

Li Qiye slightly shook his head: "Very difficult. Few people in this world could truly reverse life and death. This Phoenix tried to, but it met a terrible tribulation and was annihilated completely. Strictly speaking, it is dead without any hope."

The madam couldn't help but ask: "Is there really no way? Not even with your supreme dao of alchemy?" In her mind, her Young Master's dao of alchemy was without peer in this world.

"Zi Yan, this is not related to the dao of alchemy." Li Qiye slightly shook his head: "Normally, this dao could save a dead cultivator — this would be the reversing life and death that people usually talk about. However, this does not apply to a phoenix, at least, not just with the dao of alchemy alone."

"If Young Master puts it this way, then there is still a chance." The madam was delighted to hear this. This was a phoenix! If it could be revived, then she would be the first to rejoice in her Young Master's stead.

"An opportunity is there." Li Qiye earnestly said: "Strictly speaking, this wouldn't be called reversing life and death, it's simply rebirth."

"Rebirth?" The madam was startled after hearing this. This topic was too grave and shocking. In fact, for tens of millions of years, many invincible people vied for true rebirth, hoping to live on for another generation, but this was simply impossible!

Even the most legendary and mighty existences would not be able to live for another generation, let alone others.

Li Qiye rubbed his chin and said: "If it is a human, then no matter how strong they might be, wanting to live once more or

obtaining rebirth is simply a dream. However, a phoenix has such a chance! A Phoenix's ability to rebirth via fire is not just a legend, it can actually do so."

"Rebirth via fire..." The madam murmured to herself.

People had heard this phrase many times before, but when it came from Li Qiye, it seemed to not just be a description but rather reality, a tangible legend!

The madam curiously asked: "Young Master, is there really a phoenix in our world? What about the other divine beasts?"

Li Qiye smiled at this question and answered: "Zi Yan, your question is of two different concepts, of our world and divine beasts. This depends on how you define our world and divine beasts."

"I am listening closely, Young Master." The madam smiled. She was always gentle like flowing water with a trace of playfulness that didn't take away any of her charm.

Li Qiye smiled: "The world in your view and the world in mine are not necessarily the same. If you are talking about the nine worlds and pure blood divine beasts, then I can only say that our world does not have divine beasts."

"But what about this Phoenix? Are you saying that this one is not a pure-blood?" The madam slightly jumped and looked at the

skeletal phoenix before her.

Li Qiye shook his head: “No, on the contrary, this is a pure-blood Phoenix. Moreover, it used to be an adult Phoenix — unbelievably powerful!”

The madam reacted very quickly after her initial spurt of surprise: “This is a pure-blood Phoenix?” She looked at the Young Master and movingly said: “Young Master is saying that this Phoenix, it came from somewhere else?”

Such a notion was hard to believe. Every cultivator knew that although this world was vast, there were only nine realms! But now, her Young Master revealed a truth different from common knowledge to the madam.

“Young Master, are you saying that there really is a tenth world?” The madam had to ask. She knew about the legend, a legend that no one would believe. Some even openly refuted its existence.

“I don’t know either.” Li Qiye rubbed his chin and smiled.

After following him for some time, the madam understood that whenever he showed this expression, it meant that he knew more than he was letting out. He simply didn’t want to say it, that was all.

The madam kept on pressing: “Young Master, please continue. If

our world does not have divine beasts, then why did this Phoenix appear in Alchemy City?”

The gentle madam was acting quite coquettishly, giving her an even softer and cuter demeanor.

Li Qiye smiled after seeing her appearance. He looked towards the Phoenix, and his eyes suddenly became profound, as if he had lost himself in memories.

“The truth is that I don’t know how this Phoenix appeared in Alchemy City. However, a few things can certainly be speculated. During that era ancient beyond tracing, some events had happened beyond the imagination of man. If I am not wrong, then during those events, the Phoenix luckily managed to flee to the Stone Medicine World and Alchemy City.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but gently sigh.

“Although we can’t verify those matters that happened in the distant past, clues still remain in many places, a few matters...” Li Qiye became silent here as he recalled unforgettable memories.

The madam no longer wanted to ask after seeing his melancholy. She knew that it had sparked some of his old thoughts.

“Does Young Master plan to revive this Phoenix?” She asked softly. She didn’t want him to be saddened by old memories, so her tone was very gentle, as if it was the most tender and caring touch.

Li Qiye's mind returned after hearing her sincere concern. He looked at the skeletal phoenix and said: "I am powerless as well with regards to truly reviving it. However, I can give it a chance. If it wants to be reborn, then it'll require the most refined essence in this heaven and earth. For example, the Alchemy Kingdom's ancestral vein."

"I'm afraid the kingdom will not agree to this." The madam wryly smiled and gently shook her head: "The ancestral ground is built on the entrance of the Alchemy Vein because they do not want to share the mysticisms of the location with others! Wanting their ancestral vein is the same as wanting their life source. They would rather die protecting this ancestral vein."

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“This is true.” Li Qiye chuckled and slowly said: “That does not mean that there is no chance, though.”

The madam couldn't help but stare at him after hearing this. She understood the hidden implication in his words.

“What does one have to do exactly to let this Phoenix rebirth?” The madam had to change the subject.

Li Qiye answered: “The most crucial thing is dependent on the Phoenix. I can only play a minor role.”

“This depends on itself? The bird is completely dead, so can it actually do anything?” The madam was a bit perplexed.

“This is why phoenixes are so amazing.” Li Qiye smiled: “Of course, we still need to thank Immortal Emperor Yao Zu of the kingdom. Without him, even if the Phoenix was more incredible, it still wouldn't have an opportunity for rebirth.”

“Can Young Master elaborate?” The madam was also very curious about the heart of the Phoenix obtained by the kingdom.

Li Qiye replied: “During the tribulation of that year, the Phoenix could be said to have been completely annihilated. However, it still left behind a very small piece of its heart. The emperor obtained this tiny piece and used a supreme immortal medicine to extract a

drop of phoenix blood. This blood drop made it possible for the tiny heart to eventually gestate into a phoenix heart.”

The madam felt amazed after hearing about such a magical event. She thought that the heart had been complete from the start and didn't know that it actually grew from a little drop of blood.

“For me, having this phoenix heart will save a lot of effort. This is no different from water following the current of a river. However, it is not the same for the kingdom. In their possession, the phoenix heart will always remain a phoenix heart. Nevertheless, it still has its uses, but they would never be able to revive a phoenix.” Li Qiye said.

“Even the kingdom can't accomplish this?” The madam asked in surprise. In the Stone Medicine World, it seemed that impossible was not a word that could be used to describe the kingdom.

Li Qiye shook his head and smiled: “The kingdom is indeed very powerful, but there are some things outside of their reach.”

For example, the Death Scripture. Of course, Li Qiye didn't reveal this. Just like he said, despite having the heart, the kingdom couldn't revive a phoenix.

Li Qiye was different than before as well. With the Death Chapter, he would be able to reignite the deathfire and once again rebuild the divinity of the phoenix to give it a chance for rebirth. In terms of a lamp, the heart of the phoenix would be the core of the lamp while the divinity was the oil.

Li Qiye gently patted the skeletal phoenix and felt the pumping heart: “I can refine it and eventually put its body together then use the heart so that it can rebuild its flesh and blood.”

He paused for a moment and narrowed his eyes: “However, in order to rebuild its flesh and blood and fill it with divinity... this step requires the essence under the Alchemy Vein.”

The madam didn’t comment on this matter. She understood that her Young Master wanted to use the essence of the kingdom’s ancestral vein. However, he didn’t take action because of Ming Yexue, or perhaps someone else. It was definitely not due to the kingdom’s power.

The madam asked: “After reinforcing its flesh and blood, would the phoenix be reborn?”

Li Qiye shook his head: “No, in this process, its flesh and blood is not the most important thing. The most important aspect is the soul, or the true fate in the mouths of cultivators!”

“The soul is the source of all.” Li Qiye pointed at his head and said: “For cultivators that reach a particular level, the body can be rebuilt and the physique can be trained again. Even when the fate palaces are destroyed, a sufficiently powerful being can reform them all. However, without the soul, without the true fate, there is nothing. Everything will be gone, nihility is the result...”

“The true fate is everything.” The madam could understand this

rationale as a Heavenly King. This was something understood by all cultivators. A cultivator could survive the destruction of their body, but the destruction of their true fate symbolized true death.

“When you are strong enough, you can use one drop of blood to gestate a new body. However, you cannot create a new true fate out of thin air! Unless a residual soul fragment remains which allows for repair. However, soul creation is out of the question.”

Li Qiye paused here before continuing: “Creating existences with life out of nowhere is something left to the villainous heavens. Only he would be able to do such a thing! For others, including even Immortal Emperors, this remains a pipe dream!”

The madam had learned about the topic of life creation before, but she was far from being as involved as her Young Master.

Li Qiye went on: “I can use other items and techniques to steal from the heavens in order to gather some spirituality for the Phoenix. However, this ultimately would not be its soul or true fate. It has to rely on itself for this!”

The madam inquisitively asked: “What does it have to do to obtain a soul and true fate that belongs to itself?”

Li Qiye pointed at the sky and said: “This secret... is known only to the Phoenix! A phoenix’s rebirth involves a grand secret of the heavens! For millions of years, many invincible existences have researched rebirth, but in its truest form, no one has ever been able to do so. Although there have been those praised for successful

resurrection, they were only gimmicks. If the person actually died completely, then they absolutely would not be able to obtain rebirth...”

“... Only a phoenix is capable of doing so after true death. This is why rebirth via fire is considered the truest form of rebirth! Thus, the rebirth of a phoenix was widely researched by many masters. However, they merely touched the surface of its profundities. Only phoenixes remain privy to the true mysteries of rebirth.” Li Qiye explained.

After listening to his explanation, the madam pondered for a long time before calming down. She greatly benefited from this and even felt as if a new door had opened for her.

She had never tried to research rebirth before due to a few reasons. She was still very young, far from being affected by this issue. She was also not powerful enough to be able to explore this field. It was only now that she realized just how difficult this topic was for the many invincible beings that had yearned for it across time.

After a while, the madam composed herself from the topic of rebirth and gently asked: “Young Master, I have something on my mind, but I don’t know if I should say it or not.”

Li Qiye smiled and gently stroked her hair: “Zi Yan, I am not very tolerant towards other people, but you have no need to be so reserved.”

The madam couldn't help but smile tenderly after being so valued by her Young Master. She said in a serious manner: "Young Master, although Fairy Ming can temporarily stop the ancestors of the kingdom, I do not believe they will give up. Fairy Ming is not in power and is definitely not powerful enough to deter the ancestors. The worst scenario will be the ancestors rearing their ugly heads again. This might just be a matter of time." The madam ruled her own country and understood this matter very well. She reminded her Young Master so that he could prepare, lest his overconfidence become his demise.

"Zi Yan, the kingdom is not a problem for me." Li Qiye gently smiled: "I do not have to select the Alchemy Vein in order to rebuild the Phoenix's body. There are three grand ancestral veins in the Stone Medicine World, right? Of course, I personally want them to attempt to cause trouble so that I can justly tear apart their ancestral vein."

"There are a few in the Alchemy Kingdom that have become impatient, in contrast to the Jianlong Clan. Some of its ancestors are quite restless!" Li Qiye smiled dismissively: "I can't blame them though since they have always wanted to return to the world. However, they have forgotten who had forgiven them and allowed them to exist in the distant past, allowing their land to not become ruins!"

A terrifying murderous glare emanated from Li Qiye's eyes after saying this!

The madam was slightly shaken. These words revealed some information unknown to the world. Until now, the strongest

existences in the Stone Medicine World had been very low-key. The Alchemy Kingdom, the Jianlong Clan, and the Beastmaster Citadel — all of these behemoths had been very reclusive. Only the Heavenhoof Ravine was an exception.

In fact, many cultivators believed that the kingdom already stood at the peak with nothing else to strive for. Because of this, they hid from the world and chose not to compete.

Of course, there were also a few older existences who thought that there was a reason for their reclusion, but no one knew the exact reason.

After hearing her Young Master, Madam Zi Yan could faintly pick up some ancient information, an earth shattering secret behind why these behemoths chose to act this way!

“Zi Yan, you don’t have to worry about me.” Li Qiye smiled: “This time was only a warning to the kingdom. It is not difficult for me to actually destroy them! If they don’t know life from death, then it could only be said that they asked for it.”

The madam gently sighed. Although she didn’t know what her Young Master had up his sleeves, she understood that if the Alchemy Kingdom wanted to try again, then it would be a suicidal and self-inflicted end. Her Young Master was ready!

Chapter 777: The Bet Begins

Five days quickly flew by. Finally, under many eager eyes, the confrontation between Li Qiye and the White Hair Alchemy God had come.

Atop the appointed peak, many cultivators could already be found present, especially the alchemists. These alchemists would never miss a top level duel like this lest they regret it for their entire lives!

The area outside the peak was even more packed, with multiple layers of cultivators. Many experts came flying from the distant horizon. Even the ancestors who didn't want to show their faces had no choice but to be here.

If there were things that could tempt these old geezers, longevity medicines were definitely among them. These people absolutely desired this type of medicine!

The first to appear was Yuan Caihe. She had prepared two batches of emperor ingredients for the duel. They had been meticulously selected and would be able to fully reflect the capabilities of the participants.

The white hair alchemist came just in time before the crowd. His robes were fluttering in the air, giving him a gallant appearance. His dazzling dark hair would be an object of focus no matter when or where he went. It was difficult for others to not notice him.

However, his punctual arrival was admirable. In the last five days, he could have escaped, but he chose not to and arrived on time! People had to admit that he was indeed an arrogant and proud person with great dignity. In this regard, Cao Guoyao couldn't compare since he wanted to escape right away after losing!

Li Qiye eventually came. He sat on his carriage as it slowly arrived. Next to him was the madam and Tie Yi as his driver.

Today, Tie Yi remained inconspicuous and was still a driver, but no one dared to view him with disdain. Some were even in awe! As an existence capable of fighting against the Xian Alchemy Ancestor, one could easily imagine his strength.

After reaching the peak, all eyes fell upon Li Qiye and the alchemist. The entire scene suddenly fell silent as the spectators held their breaths in anticipation for the duel.

At this time, another carriage slowly made its way forward. The moment it reached the top, a supreme beauty came out. It was Ming Yexue of the Alchemy Kingdom.

“Fairy Ming is also here.” The atmosphere changed after the crowd saw her. She immediately attracted their gazes, and many young men swooned head over heels for her.

A young man said while intoxicated: “We can finally see her divine looks again. No matter the outcome of this duel, this is already worth it.”

Ming Yexue had always kept a low profile and rarely showed her face. Few could see her true appearance, but she recently appeared twice, so how could the younger generation not become excited?

“Today, I am honored to be the referee for this duel after receiving the request. If the parties are ready, then we can begin.” The enchanting Ming Yexue spoke with a very pleasant voice.

Of course, she wasn't invited by Li Qiye. The request was from the white hair alchemist out of fear that Li Qiye would renege on the bet. Since Li Qiye was so powerful, he wouldn't be able to do anything if that happened, so he asked for Ming Yexue to be the referee.

She was the Alchemy Kingdom's main descendant. The kingdom was famous for its dao of alchemy, plus she was quite influential. Nothing would be better than to have her here as the witness.

Of course, Li Qiye didn't mind at all. If the alchemist absolutely required Ming Yexue here, Li Qiye wouldn't deny his request.

The white hair alchemist took a deep breath. He was in high spirits at this time, giving off a keen aura as if he was the master of all things. He was actually very confident with regards to longevity medicines; everything was within his grasp.

The alchemist was at his peak condition. While exuding his readiness, he challenged Li Qiye: “I am ready, what about you, Li Qiye?”

“Me?” The carefree Li Qiye lazily said: “I am ready anytime. If you are ready, then we can start.”

Seeing as how there were no objections from both sides, Ming Yexue announced: “Then this duel shall begin.”

Yuan Caihe opened the two prepared batches of alchemy ingredients and displayed them in front of the crowd. These ingredients were all three million years of age or older. After they were laid out, the enclosing area was engulfed in a medicinal aroma!

Many people were amazed after seeing the two batches. A countless number of the crowd wouldn't be able to gather just one full batch, let alone two whole batches.

“The Serene Garden is so incredible, truly worthy of its reputation as the lineage most versed in plant cultivation.” One of the spectators praised in astonishment.

Under Ming Yexue's lead, a few famous alchemists from the previous generation checked the two batches of ingredients. After their inspection, they found that there were no problems regarding the spirit essences from the plants.

Eventually, Li Qiye and the alchemist each picked one batch. The alchemist became very confident after taking his ingredients. He was ready to fight as he gazed at Li Qiye and said: “Let us begin our cauldrons then.”

“No, you should start first.” Li Qiye gently shook his head and said: “I know you are very confident, but if I open my cauldron first, I’m afraid you won’t even have the courage to begin your refinement. Since this is the case, I might as well let you start first to completely focus on refining this longevity batch. It wouldn’t be too late for my turn then, and others can’t say I didn’t give you a chance.”

“You...” The alchemist turned red after hearing this. The alchemy dao that he was so confident in was viewed with disdain by Li Qiye, resulting in his anger. Even the most powerful alchemist in the Alchemy Kingdom or even in the entire world wouldn’t dare to treat him so contemptuously!

The spectators all felt that Li Qiye was being too confident. Although many of them admitted that Li Qiye had incredible methods and was capable of fighting the Alchemy Kingdom alone, no one should look down on the white hair alchemist when it comes to longevity medicines. But now, it seemed that Li Qiye did not put him in his sight at all!

The alchemist took a deep breath and calmed the anger in his heart before solemnly saying: “Very well, since you’re letting me start first, I’ll open the cauldron then! I will show you a convincing loss!”

The alchemist was still a prodigy in the end. He subdued his anger in a short period of time and once again entered his purest peak condition.

“A bit interesting. This is a real alchemist, pure and full of self-confidence.” Li Qiye looked at the alchemist and was not miserly with his praise: “I actually do like you. You are much stronger than that Cao Guoyao.”

Li Qiye’s words were not lies. Regarding one’s mentality during refinement, the alchemist was much stronger than Cao Guoyao. He was even more headstrong and pure when it came to alchemy while Cao Guoyao spent a lot of his thoughts on schemes and plans.

The alchemist formally took out his heavenly cauldron. With a buzz, universal laws fell down like waterfalls the moment they came out, covering everything in the surroundings. The cauldron, amidst these laws, was like a divine mountain — majestic and towering. It emitted an immense aura as if a king was standing there. Just this cauldron alone was enough for others to feel a sense of respect.

“The heavenly cauldron of the Hundred-Refinement Alchemy Emperor...” Even those who had seen it before marveled at its sight once more.

The alchemist’s cauldron belonged to the old [Hundred-Refinement Alchemy Emperor](#). This cauldron alone was enough to cause all the alchemists in this world to salivate.

Hundred-Refinement = Bailian. Alchemy Emperor Bailian.

Legend states that the emperor was a Hundred-Refinement Alchemy Vine enlightened in the dao. While he was alive, he was

extremely proficient at longevity medicine refinement, and he left behind a cauldron that was a supreme treasure for this. Over the years, countless people coveted this cauldron.

However, although this cauldron was unfathomable, not just anyone could inherit it. Even the descendants of the Bailian Clan were not necessarily able to use it. The descendants from every generation all wanted to inherit this cauldron, but they couldn't gain its recognition.

In the clan's history, there were very few descendants who successfully gained its recognition, and the white hair alchemist was recognized by this cauldron at a very young age.

When it came to his incredible and peerless skill in creating longevity medicines, this cauldron played no small part in it.

“Start.” After receiving Ming Yexue's signal, the alchemist immediately opened his cauldron and added the ingredients. He moved very quickly with great mastery. From the addition of the ingredients to fire control to the refinement process... everything was done in one fell swoop without any help from an assistant.

Although the cauldron was hidden so no one could spy on the refining process or the fire control technique, each of his actions available for view amazed the spectators.

This was especially true for knowledgeable alchemists. They were reveling in his smooth finesse. Despite not being able to steal the pill formula or fire control technique from the alchemist, his

normal actions from adding the medicines and mixing the liquids to fire manipulation allowed for them to learn many things.

Before the large crowd, the alchemist remained calm. Each of his actions and changes in his control was full of confidence. It was as if he was not refining pills but rather just taking a leisurely stroll.

His style left many alchemists in admiration. They felt that he was not just performing alchemy but rather creating a flawless piece of art!

Chapter 778: Longevity Medicine Refinement

Minutes turned into days. Although the sun rose and set, the peak remained quiet. It could even be said that the entirety of Alchemy City was silent.

Countless eyes watched the alchemist refine his longevity medicine. This was of the emperor level, so anyone would give their utmost attention. Once finished, this would definitely be a batch worth coveting.

The key moment finally came as the alchemist was about to insert the most important ingredient into the cauldron, longevity blood. The moment the longevity blood flowed down, a glossy amber shade movingly appeared as if nothing was more enchanting than its radiance.

“Raarr—” A fierce roar echoed like an unceasing and ferocious storm, as if a beast wanted to overturn this entire land.

This was longevity blood of more than three million years of age. This type of longevity spirit was extremely powerful when alive. Even though it was dead, its longevity blood still contained its mighty intent.

The blood turned into a powerful spirit that wanted to flip over the cauldron in order to escape. This was a test for an alchemist’s abilities. At this time, the alchemist’s blood energy soared to the sky. Inside his hand was an alchemy rune. The moment this rune

imprinted itself onto the cauldron, it immediately activated the cauldron's great power.

This cauldron that once belonged to the great alchemy emperor instantly emitted its power to suppress the howls of the blood.

As the alchemist stood firm on this land, his dao of alchemy emerged with divine trees everywhere along with flowing true fire. The alchemist was using his dao to connect to the heaven and earth to borrow its momentum.

In this moment, Alchemy City's momentum seemed to be at his command. This momentum combined with the cauldron allowed the alchemist to suppress the longevity blood and refine it in a short period of time.

“Amazing, an alchemy dao capable of borrowing the momentum of the world! “ The older alchemists showered him with praises.

Some alchemists were awed while others were intoxicated by the white hair alchemist's techniques! Although they couldn't steal anything, they gained a lot of experience in pill refinement.

After the alchemist refined all of the longevity blood, everything seemed to change. In a split second, all of the hills in a one hundred mile radius were encompassed by an alchemy energy.

Inside this alchemy energy was the aroma of medicinal herbs. Anyone who smelled this aroma would become spirited and

refreshed and feel as if they were decades younger. This was an extraordinary feeling.

Moreover, as the alchemy energy became denser, roars could be heard resounding inside as if there were divine beasts lurking around. The crowd could feel their powerful presence.

“The medicine is about to take form.” The spectators were even more nervous than the alchemist. Many people wished for both sides to succeed in refining the longevity medicines, regardless of how the competition ended.

“Omm...” Finally, clouds gathered in the sky until they formed an ocean. A vortex appeared above the alchemist, emitting a sound that grew increasingly loud.

“This is not a longevity reduction, it is an imperial warning! If he can withstand the imperial warning, then the medicine can definitely take form.” An alchemist from the previous generation exclaimed after seeing the vortex inside the clouds growing bigger and bigger.

Longevity reduction, simply put, was a tribulation. The moment a saint or emperor medicine was about to take form, the longevity reduction would become extremely dangerous. If the alchemist was not able to suppress it, then it would devour their life!

Moreover, if it successfully devoured the life of the alchemist, then the efficacy of the medicine would actually become stronger. However, a failed attempt to devour the alchemist would result in

the failure of the batch.

Either way, when the alchemist couldn't control their cauldron and allowed for a longevity reduction to appear, they would lose some of their lifespan. Such a situation was extremely dangerous and could even result in death.

An imperial warning was a phenomenon that only occurred for emperor medicines. During the refinement process, even if the alchemist could handle the longevity reduction, this did not mean that the batch would come out successfully. However, once an imperial warning appeared and passed, the medicine would definitely be formed.

An imperial warning meant that this batch of longevity medicine had alarmed the high heavens. This indicated that the quality of the medicine was superb! Only great quality emperor medicines would be able to cause imperial warnings!

“With this imperial warning, this medicine is absolutely of the finest quality.” Even the ancestors could no longer calmly remain in their chairs. For those who needed this type of medicine, they were ready to pay a monstrous sum.

“Omm—” The imperial warning finally materialized. A rune descended from the vortex, creating a huge buzzing sound. This sound was very unique and belonged only to the dao of alchemy. It resembled the sound of the heavens or the singing of angels.

The moment this sound appeared, the alchemy rune dove

straight down while carrying a mighty momentum. During its descent, the sounds of the imperial warning continued on as if it was urging the medicine in the cauldron.

“Open!” The white hair alchemist turned serious after hearing this sound. He shouted and caused the cauldron to unleash its universal laws along with the cauldron flame to protect the medicine within.

With a loud detonation, the fire source of the cauldron spewed out a towering inferno like a volcanic eruption. This inferno turned into a monstrous [Heavenly Hound](#). It shouted then soared into the sky to meet the descending imperial warning head on.

A Heavenly Hound is the source of inspiration from the more well-known Tengu from Japanese mythology. Tengu is an accepted translation for this, but the image evoked due to western culture is different in this case, so I chose Heavenly Hound instead. The wiki lists it as Heavenly Dog, but hound sounds better.

“Immortal Emperor Bailian’s technique, Sun-Eater Heavenly Hound!” An alchemist who was familiar with the Bailian Clan was overwhelmed with emotion after seeing this technique.

Legend stated that this was the ultimate technique of the Bailian Clan. Across the generations, very few in the clan were able to successfully train this technique, but the white hair alchemist had done just that.

“Phuff!” The hound rushed into the sky and devoured the imperial warning completely. In just a moment, series of

explosions occurred inside the hound's body as if it was about to be blown apart by the warning.

The cauldron under the alchemist's control was affected by this powerful backlash as well, making it seem like it could collapse at any second. With a serious demeanor, the alchemist's blood energy reached its highest point as he used the most fortified alchemy dao to stop it from collapsing.

With a final blast, cracks appeared around the hound's body. However, nothing else happened afterward. The clouds in the sky also dissipated along with the imperial warning.

“That was one imperial warning!” An alchemist commented: “This is already quite amazing since imperial warnings are very rare!”

Imperial warnings had nine sounds in total. The more imperial warnings sounded out, the better the longevity medicine would be. However, the difficulty of successfully refining the medicine increased accordingly. This was because the higher imperial warnings were vastly more powerful!

After another cry, the Heavenly Hound turned into a flame and reentered the cauldron.

“Success!” Many nervous cultivators couldn't help but cheer after seeing this scene. A group of ancestors also grinned excitedly: “Another batch of good longevity medicine!”

The white hair alchemist finally opened the cauldron to take out the medicine. He stored the medicine in a pouch before calming the fire source and recalling the cauldron.

“It really isn’t easy. This is a longevity medicine with an imperial warning. Even older Legendary Alchemists would not necessarily be able to refine this level of medicine.” The exciting atmosphere was infectious.

“Fairy Ming and gentlemen, please appraise the medicine.” After properly dealing with everything, the white hair alchemist solemnly opened his pouch, and the medicine finally appeared before everyone.

Layers of bright spheres emerged. Just these lights alone were already tempting enough. Inside the pouch was an item with the shape of a resting Heavenly Hound. It seemed animated, as if it had its own life.

“It is a longevity medicine that has taken shape — how unfathomable! This is indeed the Heavenly Hound, the most famous symbol of the Bailian Clan!” Even those who didn’t know much about alchemy were amazed by this scene.

A longevity medicine that could take physical form was only found at the emperor level. Moreover, their price would be tens or even a hundred times higher than ordinary medicines.

Although this phenomenon wouldn’t innately increase the medicinal effect, it could offset the user’s resistance. For example,

after a cultivator used one, the second time they took it would be less effective. What should have increased their lifespan by one hundred years would now only be fifty or even less.

However, it was a different story for medicines with special forms. They could bypass the resistance and allow the user to gain sixty to seventy more years!

In an instant, many people held their breaths, waiting for Ming Yexue and the famous old alchemists to appraise the medicine. The ancestors were even more anxious since they definitely wanted a medicine of this level.

Eventually, Ming Yexue and the others came to a consensus while everyone else stared at them and awaited their announcement.

Meanwhile, the white hair alchemist was completely confident in his longevity medicine. He had a smile on his face as he looked at the judges. He secretly knew that this batch was one of the best he had ever refined, and no one in the younger generation could do a better job.

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Chapter 779: The Most Unbelievable Refinement

Eventually, an old alchemist made an announcement before the eager crowd: “After we collectively examined this medicine, we have come to a unanimous conclusion — this is a batch of the finest quality. Regarding the medicinal strength, we have no answer for the God-Monarch and Godking realm as well as people with withered lifespans. As for those who still have some longevity blood left, if they are an eternal existence level paragon, then this medicine will be able to increase their lifespan by two hundred years. Of course, this is for the first dosage.”

“Two hundred years!” Many people were moved after hearing this. For a near-death paragon, two hundred years was long enough.

There were many factors that affected the potency of these medicines. For example, cultivation; the higher the realm, the weaker the medicinal effect would be. This was because the powerful users had stronger longevity blood, so they needed a more powerful medicine to condense new longevity blood drops!

“What about if it is the second time using an emperor level medicine?” A great power’s ancestor couldn’t help but ask after hearing the result.

Many experts here had used longevity medicines before, so they wanted to know the exact details so that they wouldn’t regret paying a sky-high price for this particular batch.

The old alchemist responded: “This is difficult to determine. Assuming that all the conditions remain the same and it is the second usage, it should be able to increase one’s lifespan by fifty to eighty years. However, since this particular medicine has turned into a Heavenly Hound, it will be able to offset a certain amount of resistance so it should be able to add seventy to ninety years to your lifespan.”

“What if it is the third time?” A more powerful ancestor inquired. In fact, after reaching the paragon realm, any ancestor would try to obtain longevity medicines.

All of these old paragons had used longevity medicines before. Those with great heritages would have consumed them dozens of times, resulting in complete resistance.

“The third time...” The old alchemist felt some hesitation: “One cannot determine this. If you really want an answer from me, then ten years for the third usage, or maybe even just one year. This is mere speculation as I cannot confirm it.”

This had always been the case with longevity medicines and its diminishing returns after repeated usage.

“Very well, let’s leave it to someone who can use it.” This ancestor with an incredible background sighed disappointedly after hearing this answer. This kind of ancestor had consumed too many medicines so the effect of this type of medicine was tiny to the point of being trivial.

“In my own situation, I estimate that living for another hundred years shouldn’t be a problem with this batch.” One of the ancestors became quite eager to try it.

“This is a must-buy if possible. A pill in the form of a Heavenly Hound that experienced one imperial warning — an emperor level longevity medicine of this quality is hard to come by. Unless the Alchemy Kingdom or the Jianlong Clan are willing to sell from their inventory... it is best to buy it as soon as possible.” More than just one ancestor was tempted.

Even those who had used longevity medicines once or twice were intrigued as well. For them, even if it was a sky-high price, they would still buy it even if it would only increase their lifespan by one year! For those who were near death like them, treasures had become worthless. Only their lifespan was worth something!

In a short moment, many people hoped that this showdown could end early so that they could begin the buying process.

After the appraisal, the happy white hair alchemist turned around to say in a deep tone: “Li Qiye, your turn.”

However, after turning around, he only saw Li Qiye sleeping in his carriage. This scene infuriated him. Li Qiye’s attitude was simply treating him with contempt!

Until now, everyone was preoccupied with the alchemist’s pill refinement and nearly forgot about Li Qiye’s presence. But now,

seeing him sleeping during a duel left many of them speechless; they felt that Li Qiye was being too outrageous.

“Does he really think he can beat the White Hair Alchemy God? This is an emperor medicine in the form of the Heavenly Hound with one imperial warning!” Someone was quite annoyed with Li Qiye and snorted.

Madam Zi Yan, who was waiting by Li Qiye’s side, gently woke him up. He rose and asked: “How long have I been asleep for?”

“For some time now.” The madam gently helped him up: “Young Noble, it is your turn.”

Li Qiye stepped down from the carriage and looked at the alchemist’s emperor medicine while nodding: “Not bad, to be able to refine an emperor medicine to this level at such a young age... definitely worthy of being called a heavenly alchemist. However, claiming to be an alchemy god is too egotistical.”

Li Qiye’s words left the alchemist annoyed, so he responded with a scowl. The alchemist didn’t know that this was already a very high evaluation from Li Qiye. This was Li Qiye showing his appreciation for talents.

“Can you start already?” The alchemist impatiently said after seeing Li Qiye’s nonchalant attitude.

Li Qiye smiled and looked at Ming Yexue. He nodded his head,

prompting Ming Yexue to announce: “You may begin now.”

Li Qiye summoned his Myriad Heavenly Cauldron and casually threw all the ingredients inside with the exception of the longevity blood.

“Is he insane?” Many people were stunned after seeing the swift addition of the ingredients. What kind of alchemy was this? It was common knowledge that even the methods of adding the ingredients was a field of study.

When to add certain things, such as holy water, required attentiveness. One wrong step would result in the destruction of a fine batch of ingredients.

But now, Li Qiye threw everything inside besides the longevity blood. This was too much to take in. What left the crowd even more dumbfounded was that at this time, Li Qiye’s cauldron seemed to be out of power. Its flame was weak and seemed like it could go out at any time as it burned the herbs.

“Is this still alchemy?” The crowd was stunned. This had no semblance to refinement but rather just a simple burning of ingredients.

Golden Spring Water, Sacred Turtle Dew, Pure Pillfruit, Silver Mapleglass... each of these ingredients was burning from the inside out. What was even stranger was that this flame was flickering as if it was burning with wet firewood. This made the spectators very worried that it might go out any time.

This simple process turned out to be very scary. The nervous spectators felt that Li Qiye was crazy for attempting such a thing with this feeble flame. It was akin to torture; some felt that Li Qiye's failure was guaranteed. They began to feel pain because this was a batch of ingredients over three million years of age. Such priceless treasures!

Eventually, something incredible happened. This weak flame that could be extinguished at any time finally burned the ingredients, leaving behind the true essences in the cauldron.

The Golden Spring Water was turned into a single golden drop of liquid. The Sacred Turtle Dew resulted in a jade-like ointment the size of a fingernail. The Pure Pillfruit was now a small cup of green water, and the Silver Mapleglass only had a little bit of watery essence left as well...

These different medicinal essences completely separated from each other, disappeared, then suddenly fused into one. In the blink of an eye, a newly refined essence emerged from within.

Again, people were astounded because no one had predicted this result, especially when essences of different affinities integrated together in harmony without the slightest signs of discord. This process was too difficult to imagine.

"This is the mythical gossamer flame." Ming Yexue emotionally stated: "A divine flame refines wondrous pills while the gossamer flame tempers heavenly essences! The vast majority of flames are

easy to come by, but the gossamer flame remains elusive to all!”

No alchemist understood Ming Yexue’s comments. Some even found it strange since this type of weak fire was not part of the common knowledge of a cauldron’s fire.

However, Ming Yexue stared at Li Qiye in astonishment because she had heard of a particular legend, a legend that was painstakingly chased after by generations of the kingdom’s best alchemists.

The gossamer flame tempers heavenly essences! This legendary secret technique had only been grasped by one person across the endless eons, the legendary Alchemy God!

Many alchemists from the kingdom had tried all this time, but no one had ever been successful. However, Li Qiye actually used the gossamer flame to force out the essences. How could Ming Yexue not be shocked by this?

“This little girl is still the most knowledgeable.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but voice his praise. Very few people could recognize his method, let alone see through it.

He then threw the longevity blood into the cauldron towards all the different medicinal concoctions.

When everyone thought that the longevity blood would become violent and try to escape by flipping the cauldron over, it actually

galloped around like a stallion. It playfully jumped around then rolled within the essences as if it was having too much fun.

Eventually, the blood rolled around in the essence mix like a stallion rolling around in mud. It was enjoying this blissful feeling.

The whole process was not violent with howls, contrary to what the crowd imagined. It was as if this was the natural order of things.

The blood eventually joined the different essences like snow encountering spring. It slowly melted in a very warm process with no signs of fierce retaliation!

No one could describe their thoughts with words. Shock and amazement were common in those witnessing this scene like snow encountering spring, warmth... the entire process seemed incredibly natural and gave people a feeling of enjoyment!

Chapter 780: Heavenly Medicine

When the longevity blood melted, the new medicinal concoction in the cauldron slowly flowed down like a spring. It seemed that at this moment, it had its own life. While watching it flow, others could feel the blood inside their bodies flowing, resonating along to the same rhythm as well.

Many were immersed in this scene and forgot that this was a duel. Back during the white hair alchemist's refinement, the people here were also lost in the process. However, the two intoxicating feelings were completely different from each other.

People were lost in the alchemist's refinement technique and great mastery. Each of his actions was full of beauty. Even those who weren't alchemists could understand the meanings behind his movements.

Li Qiye's refinement was different. Although people were also drunk in its wonders, they forgot about Li Qiye's actions. No one paid attention to his fire mastery or how he controlled his cauldron.

At this time, the only thing in their eyes were the changes in the concoction within the cauldron. It was as if the scene playing out had turned into the most fascinating event in this world.

If one was to say that the white hair alchemist's actions were full of beauty, then the transformation of Li Qiye's medicinal concoction was a supreme work of art.

The alchemist's personal skill let people know that he was an incredible Legendary Alchemist while Li Qiye was showcasing his medicinal concoction to let people know that this newly refined essence was peerless.

As the concoction continued to change, clouds began to gather in the sky. Once the layers of clouds were thick enough, a vortex appeared above Li Qiye and emitted an increasingly louder sound.

“The imperial warning is coming.” A person exclaimed in fear: “To witness two imperial warnings within such a short amount of time... This duel is truly spectacular.”

People were holding their breaths to witness the attack of the imperial warning. They wanted to see if Li Qiye could withstand the warning's might or not. If he could, then another emperor medicine was about to come into existence.

“Om—” Powerful detonations resounded from within the vortex as if the grand dao was dancing. An alchemy rune had been successfully formed inside.

Another loud blast echoed. This alchemy rune came sweeping down with a ferocious momentum as if god himself sent down this warning. The rune seemed to be the culmination of the Heaven's Will!

However, when everyone thought that Li Qiye was about to having a fierce battle with the imperial warning, the Myriad

Heavenly Cauldron suddenly opened its mouth and immediately devoured the imperial warning like a predator feasting upon its prey.

After it was eaten by the cauldron, the imperial warning's sound stopped, [like a clay ox drifting into a sea](#).

Meaning: to disappear with no hope of returning (like a clay figurine dissolving in water)

“Boom!” The second imperial warning descended.

“Pluff!” However, before people could react to its presence, this second warning was also devoured by the cauldron!

Devour! This scene left everyone standing there silly. Everyone knew that a cauldron under an alchemist's control could stop tribulations and fight against heavenly flames. However, no one had heard of a cauldron eating imperial warnings before.

At this moment, people seemed to have forgotten that this was the second imperial warning since everyone was still shocked from the scene of the cauldron devouring the first warning.

“Damn, even if you're hungry, you shouldn't act like this. Leave some for me!” Li Qiye couldn't help but curse after seeing the cauldron eating two warnings instantly.

“Boom!” The third imperial warning descended. Li Qiye was one step ahead of the cauldron this time. He grabbed it and soared into

the sky.

With a loud roar, Li Qiye's main fate palace emerged and opened. His pillar of life flew out, towering all the way to the firmament as if it was supporting this entire world.

“Boom!” This third warning was caught by the pillar of life. A mysterious ancient rune appeared along with a strange rhythm. The rune sent out divine chains that coiled around the imperial warning and pulled it back to the pillar. Countless runes then instantly overwhelmed the warning.

The crowd was dumbfounded as their jaws dropped to the ground. A cauldron devouring imperial warnings were shocking enough, but Li Qiye was now using his pillar of life to seize the warning directly!

What was even more bizarre was that his process of subduing the warning gave birth to a peerless illusion depicting the warning as mere prey while the pillar was a spider's cave. The pillar's divine chains were webs capturing the warning and dragging it deep into the cave.

This ludicrous scene was still hard to believe even when everyone saw it with their own eyes. It was testing the limits of logic.

“Boom!” The fourth warning descended. However, the result was the same. The divine chains from the pillar of life instantly locked onto this warning and dragged it inside again.

Eventually, this warning was swallowed by Li Qiye. The clouds dispersed, signaling the end of the tribulation. This batch of longevity medicine was finally completed!

Meanwhile, Li Qiye still seemed to be unsatisfied despite having swallowed two imperial warnings. His pillar of life seemed to be changing, giving off an even more mysterious and profound feeling. There was a hint of the alchemy dao within the pillar's runes.

The spectators couldn't calm down. After a long time, someone regained their wits and realized that there were a total of four warnings, so they exclaimed: "This, this was four imperial warnings!"

By this time, Li Qiye had recalled his cauldron and handed a box that contained the medicine over to Ming Yexue.

Those who appraised his medicine were immediately astounded. This medicine had taken form, but its form was a bit strange. It looked like a piece of manure tinted yellow. Anyone would be grossed out by its appearance.

"What? This doesn't make any sense. How could it take this form after triggering four imperial warnings?" Many of them were at a loss for words after seeing its shape.

They thought that the medicine would definitely take form after triggering four warnings. In their minds, this medicine should at least be a golden dragon, a divine phoenix, or a white tiger at the

very least!

However, Li Qiye's medicine seemed to be a pile of manure. No one could accept this readily as it was too illogical.

In contrast to the others, Ming Yexue's knowledge was quite vast. She startingly exclaimed after checking Li Qiye's medicine: "Medicine morphing into a Longevity Fruit!"

Other famous alchemists also quickly gathered. After a meticulous examination, they nodded: "That's right, this is indeed a medicine in the form of a Longevity Fruit. This is the first time I've seen something like this."

"Longevity Fruit..." Young cultivators might be unaware, but the ancestors were immediately shaking with excitement after hearing this. This medicine in the shape of a fruit was unfathomable. Its ability to decrease resistance must be far stronger than the medicine in the form of a Heavenly Hound.

"Well? How much lifespan can one gain by taking this longevity medicine?" Several ancestors with frightening backgrounds eagerly inquired at the same time.

After finishing their examination, one of the alchemists finally stepped out.

Having noticed that the examination was finished, an ancestor pressed the issue again: "So?! Is this medicine really amazing?"

This alchemist cleared his throat and spoke: “After our examination, we can safely say that this longevity medicine is suitable for God-Monarchs. Even a Godking will have good results after taking it. However, if an Immortal Emperor consumes it, the effect will be minimal.”

Causing four imperial warnings was more than enough for the medicine to be considered of the finest level. Legend states that when the warning sounds six times, even Immortal Emperors could use the resulting medicine.

The crowd was moved after hearing this result. A medicine for God-Monarchs that was also effective for Godkings simply meant that this medicine was of the highest quality.

The alchemist explained: “This is an alchemy Longevity Fruit. We have never seen it before, but our conservative estimate is that a God-Monarch will be able to gain six hundred to seven hundred years of life. For a normal Godking, it should be three hundred to four hundred years. Of course, these are conservative estimates since this type of longevity medicine is simply too rare.”

“What?! More than five hundred years? An emperor medicine can extend life for this long?” An ordinary alchemist felt that this was simply ridiculous and questioned this evaluation.

The alchemist pondered for a moment before replying: “Generally, ordinary emperor medicines cannot break the five hundred year threshold. However, for medicines with three

warnings or more, there is definitely a high chance of crossing this threshold. To be more exact, this batch is no longer within the confines of emperor medicines. It is in between the emperor and heavenly levels. If a Godking can gain more than five hundred years of life after using it, then it would be considered a heavenly medicine.”

The alchemist paused for a moment before continuing: “However, this batch’s effects exceed the emperor level, so we place it between emperor and heavenly medicines.”

“Heavenly medicine...” An old alchemist was astonished and had to utter: “Don’t people say that only Alchemy Emperors are capable of refining heavenly medicines?”

There was a reason behind its name; it meant that this was a gift from the heavens. These types of medicines can be divided into three levels: Heavenly Medicine, Myriad Medicine, and Era Medicine!

These three types were in their own league and could only be refined by Alchemy Emperors!

It was just as the alchemist had said, even emperor level medicines would not be able to increase one’s lifespan by more than five hundred years. If a Godking could gain five hundred years, then the medicine would be called a heavenly medicine!

“That is why we’re placing it between the emperor and heavenly levels.” The alchemist said solemnly.

“How about its ability to reduce resistance?” An ancestor impatiently said: “I have used longevity medicines twice already. How many years will this particular medicine give me?”

Chapter 781: Crushing Defeat

This question made the alchemist contemplate for a moment. The group came together again for another exchange and finally, the alchemist mused: “In our, very conservative, opinion, Virtuous Paragons shouldn’t use this longevity medicine. One should at least be of the eternal existence level to use it, or else it would be too much of a waste.”

“How many years will a God-Monarch gain?” A voice came from the distant ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom.

These words shocked the crowd. Without a doubt, even the kingdom who was known to have the best alchemy dao had a God-Monarch who was tempted by this medicine!

“As I have said, for a God-Monarch who has never taken longevity medicines before, it should be able to increase their lifespan by six to seven hundred years.” The alchemist answered.

In reality, this was an impossible notion. Those who had reached the God-Monarch realm would have already taken countless longevity medicines. It could even be said that this type of medicine was completely useless for them.

“This is an alchemy Longevity Fruit that we have never seen before. Referencing past records, our conservative estimate for a God-Monarch who is taking this type of medicine for a second time is four to five hundred years because this is a Longevity Fruit, the ultimate form. If it is the third time, then it is hard to say. Perhaps

one hundred years, or maybe only seventy to eighty years.” The alchemist explained quietly.

“What if it is the fifth time?” Another ancient voice came from the ancestral ground. Needless to say, another God-Monarch coveted this medicinal batch.

After all, an alchemy Longevity Fruit was exceedingly rare. Even for the kingdom, they only had one person capable of refining such medicines. However, he had stopped refining pills for some time now!

“Hmm... we have no answer for this.” The alchemist spoke: “In fact, until now, few people have had the chance to use an alchemy Longevity Fruit.”

“For the fifth usage, three more years is absolutely no problem.” When the alchemists here couldn’t come up with an answer, Li Qiye leisurely said: “Unfortunately, my longevity medicine is not for sale to you!”

Everyone went silent after hearing Li Qiye. They all knew that he and the Alchemy Kingdom were like fire and water and understood why he wouldn’t sell his medicine to the kingdom!

The God-Monarch did not respond. He knew that opening his mouth would only bring about further humiliation!

“A medicine specialized for God-Monarchs...” An ancestor from

an old family asked: “Young Noble Li, what is the price for this medicine? Just set a price.”

A few great ancestors were moved and salivated when thoughts of this type of medicine surfaced in their minds. Although they would not be the ones to use it, they had even more powerful ancestors back home.

Li Qiye leisurely said: “What’s the hurry? The bet isn’t over yet.”

These ancestors didn’t dare to say anything after these words came out. Li Qiye’s longevity medicine refinement had astonished them. They wanted to ask him for more help, so they didn’t dare to offend him!

“Now then, who is the victor?” Li Qiye stared at the white hair alchemist.

The alchemist went pale and could no longer maintain his standout demeanor. It seemed that his soul had left his body, resulting in a sluggish state. This was too big of a blow for him. He actually didn’t even care for his life at the moment, such a defeat was too difficult to accept!

He had always been a heaven’s proud son, an alchemy genius. Although he was not as proficient as Yuan Caihe when it came to plant cultivation or Cao Guoyao in pill refinement, he thought of himself as being untouchable in longevity medicines among the younger generation. He was confident enough to dare challenge Legendary Alchemists of the previous generation!

However, he had suffered complete defeat in the field he excelled at. His single imperial warning was enough for him to take pride in, and he was very satisfied with such a result. However, Li Qiye refined a medicine that had four warnings!

Such a blow was unbearable and simply shattered his pride. Losing to Li Qiye's might would have been fine since even Immortal Emperors lost when they were young, let alone him. However, losing to Li Qiye in longevity medicine refinement was beyond his tolerance because it was his best area, his source of pride! This defeat completely shattered his confidence!

“Why did god give birth to me after creating you!” The paled alchemist leered at Li Qiye with forlorn eyes; his confidence was completely shot.

This quick shift in mentality from confidence to nothingness left him in despair.

Li Qiye simply shrugged: “Isn't this the nature of life? There is always a higher mountain, a broader horizon, a greater man.”

“I see... A broader horizon and a greater man...” The alchemist chuckled with a mournful look: “Li Qiye, you are capable. I accept my loss today. This White Hair Alchemy God can stay true to his words even in defeat!”

Having said that, his body quivered, blood dripping down from the corners of his lips.

Eventually, he fell straight down as his eyes slowly closed. There were no complaints; he had no fear of death as it had become a form of relief for him.

“What a pity.” Li Qiye lightly shook his head while looking at the alchemist’s body. In fact, if the alchemist accepted his loss earlier, Li Qiye would have spared him. In his eyes, this alchemist was much more likable than Cao Guoyao.

Unfortunately, the alchemist was even prouder than Cao Guoyao and couldn’t handle defeat. He preferred the peace of death over bowing down before Li Qiye.

Many people emotionally sighed while the scene remained silent. The Stone Medicine World had lost a great alchemist.

“Excessive pride leads to one’s demise.” An older alchemist gently sighed: “There are times when even emperors taste defeat, so why bet with your life?”

Many here still viewed the alchemist as an extraordinary genius despite losing. They all knew of his arrogant attitude, and many didn’t like him when he was alive. He was too difficult to get along with.

However, after losing his life, even those who didn’t like him felt mournful. The world had lost a great alchemist.

After a period of silence, a great ancestor had to inquire: “Young Noble Li, is your longevity medicine for sale?”

In fact, Ming Yexue also wanted to buy this batch of medicine for the God-Monarch in her sect. However, she didn’t say anything since she understood that it would only make things difficult for Li Qiye.

Li Qiye took the two batches of medicine because the alchemist’s portion had become his spoils of victory. He then shook his head as a response to the ancestor’s question: “Don’t ask me about this, you should be asking Fairy Yuan.”

Having said that, he handed the medicines over to Yuan Caihe: “The materials were from the Serene Garden, so these two batches belong to the garden as well. Take them, it is up to you whether to sell or not.”

Yuan Caihe was a bit hesitant, but under Li Qiye’s gentle, insistent nod, she eventually accepted the two batches.

“Fairy Yuan, are they for sale? Just name the price.” Many ancestors were happy after seeing the change of owners. This was because many great powers had friendly relationships with the Serene Garden. Moreover, Yuan Caihe was a very amiable person. Buying from her would be much easier than buying from Li Qiye.

Yuan Caihe announced to the covetous old ancestors: “Gentlemen, for the sake of fairness, the medicines will be entrusted to the largest auction house in the Stone Medicine

World. The highest bidder will walk home with them.”

Some were happy while others were worried after hearing this decision. A few immediately left to return to their sects so that they could tell their seniors to prepare enough funds for the upcoming extraordinary auction.

“Let us go.” Li Qiye boarded his carriage to return to his quarters.

Not long after their return, many people came to visit. There was no lack of ancestor-level characters among them.

It was understandable for so many sects and even ancestors to visit. With the death of the white hair alchemist, Li Qiye had become the new alchemy prodigy. Moreover, his longevity medicine refinement skill was even better than the white hair alchemist's!

Which lineage didn't want to have a good relationship with a genius like Li Qiye? This was especially true for the ancestors. They hoped to build friendly ties with Li Qiye since they would eventually seek his assistance to refine medicines when the day that they require them came.

Li Qiye let the madam see to the visiting sects. According to his plan, the Giant Bamboo Country's status became much more prestigious.

This made others realize that in order to ask Li Qiye for help in

refining medicines, they must establish ties with the Giant Bamboo Country. If the madam could put in a good word for them, then the situation would change completely.

The endless stream of guests continued for the next couple of days. Eventually, Li Qiye stopped the madam from seeing more guests and announced his closed cultivation session along with a new boundary line at the base of the mountain. No one was allowed to climb the mountain to bother them.

No one dared to make a fuss about this approach. At the moment, everyone wanted him to refine pills, so who would want to make him angry?

What's more was that they understood that Li Qiye was not the same as before. With one word, how many people would be willing to help him? Because of this, who would want to offend him?

Chapter 782: Heaven Restoration Salve

Li Qiye's announcement was also not just an excuse. Before his seclusive session, he told Tie Yi: "The materials are ready. I plan on refining a batch of ointment to cure your injury. However, you need to rest before I am finished so that it can be more effective. For the couple of next days, don't cause any trouble by stealing from others. Bring yourself to your peak state and prepare to take the medicine."

Tie Yi was ecstatic after hearing this and excitedly said: "Young Noble can rest assured, I will play nice here and won't cause any trouble. I'll keep an eye out for you during your seclusion so that no one can disturb you."

"There is no need for your protection." Li Qiye smilingly shook his head: "You should know best since you have suffered for so long. If you are not lacking money, then it is best to nourish your body right now."

Having said that, he handed a prescription to Tie Yi: "Before using my ointment, take these spirit medicines first so that the effects will be even better. After all, your injury is different from others. It is a miracle that you have lived until now."

The medicines on Li Qiye's list were all very precious and acted as great supplements.

After glancing at the medicines on the list, Tie Yi determined that he had the ability to buy them. Of course, he was not lacking

money and wealth, so he could afford these precious supplements.

Tie Yi hesitated for a moment before asking: “Young Noble, can you actually cure it?”

Li Qiye responded with a smile: “I can understand what you’re feeling. Being tortured for so long has left a mark in your heart. However, do not worry, this is definitely the right cure. I’m not being arrogant when I say this, but if my Heaven Restoration Salve cannot cure your injury, then nothing can cure it. You would have to sit there and await death if that were the case. I can even boast that there is no ointment better than the Heaven Restoration Salve! Even the Alchemy Kingdom’s Soulrending Immortal Powder is inferior to my ointment.”

“Ah, I absolutely believe in Young Noble’s abilities.” Tie Yi quickly replied with a smile.

Li Qiye glanced at him with one eye and said: “Don’t worry, the reason I gave you this list of supplements is because I don’t want you to have to use my ointment a second time. Even for me, this ointment has a price beyond your imagination, so I have to be a bit frugal.”

Tie Yi was overjoyed and his spirit soared after hearing this. His injury had always been a thorn in his mind. He had used countless ointments and precious spirit medicines, but they couldn’t resolve the problem at its root. But now, he finally saw a sliver of hope.

After sending Tie Yi away, Li Qiye sealed the room with the

pentagate. He told the madam and Yuan Caihe to stay before taking out the prepared materials.

“Big Brother wants to refine some ointment?” After seeing the materials, even if Yuan Caihe didn’t know the formula, she could still see his aim.

Li Qiye gently nodded: “That’s right, I’m about to refine some ointment. I might need your help when the heavenly flame comes down. Perhaps you will have to help me control the cauldron and its fire.”

“Me?” Yuan Caihe was taken aback. She slightly shook her head: “Big Brother, I’m afraid I can’t do it. I am not versed with pill refinement and am much worse compared to Cao Guoyao and them.”

“I believe in your abilities.” Li Qiye smiled: “Not just anyone can be called an alchemy prodigy. Plus, wait until you see my technique. You will understand at that time.”

“This doesn’t feel right.” Yuan Caihe hesitated: “Big Brother’s pill refinement technique is supreme, but I am an outsider.”

It was clear as day that Li Qiye’s pill refinement method was absolutely peerless. For anyone else, especially alchemists, they would never be able to resist the temptation of watching it firsthand. However, it was different for Yuan Caihe. Despite being an alchemist, she was a reserved person and didn’t compete with others. What would be irresistibly tempting to others was not for

her.

Li Qiye gently stroked her hair: “In my mind, you are not an outsider. Moreover, the dao of alchemy is only a hobby to me. If you can actually inherit my alchemy legacy, then I would be more than happy to pass it to you.”

“I have learned many things from Big Brother regarding plant cultivation.” Yuan Caihe smiled calmly and spoke in a formal manner: “Since Big Brother favors me so much, I can only obey.”

Li Qiye nodded and told the madam: “Zi Yan, prepare yourself as well. Maintain your peak state, I will require your help when the time comes.”

“This, is it necessary?” The madam was inwardly shaken. This was an unbelievable matter to her; her Young Master was nonchalant even when refining an emperor longevity medicine, so she felt that no medicine could possibly trouble him. She couldn’t imagine him requiring help during the refinement process.

“Yes.” Li Qiye nodded and solemnly said: “The refinement of this ointment requires powerful energy to control the most tyrannical flame. I am not certain that I can handle this, so every once in awhile, I will need your blood energy to replenish my own depleted blood energy.”

The madam took a deep breath and nodded: “Don’t worry, Young Master. I will do my best.”

His trust in her caused her to feel an indescribable sense of warmth.

One must know that an alchemist was most vulnerable when they were focusing all of their attention on pill refinement. At such a key period, her Young Master was counting on her — this was indicative of his trust.

“Big Brother, what kind of medicine are you trying to refine?” Yuan Caihe had planted countless spirit medicines, and few people were more knowledgeable than her in this regard. She took a careful look at the materials and asked: “And what kind of technique would require more blood energy than you can supply?”

She knew that refining emperor level medicines was as easy as turning one’s hand to Li Qiye. Therefore, refining ointments shouldn’t be difficult for him at all.

“With regards to the materials, this batch is not supreme at all. Although the main leading ingredients are quite rare, they aren’t imperial medicines, let alone immortal medicines.” Li Qiye chuckled: “There are two crucial points when it comes to this batch. The first is the formula itself while the second is the refinement technique.”

“The second point is the most important.” Li Qiye didn’t mind teaching Yuan Caihe about the refinement process: “This medicinal cauldron of mine cannot be described with mere words. It goes far beyond myriad refinements and heavenly tempering. Each iteration of refinement and purification has to result in the most essential base of the materials. Even a single strand of

medicinal effect is tempered again and again. Each transformation is mixed with a perfect ratio...”

“Big Brother, what kind of ointment is this?” After hearing a detailed explanation of the process, even the calm Yuan Caihe was moved. She immediately understood that this was a heaven-defying process.

Li Qiye smiled: “A long, long time ago, people used to call this ointment the Heaven Restoration Salve!”

“Heaven Restoration Salve!” Yuan Caihe jumped after hearing the name: “The number one medicine in all the realms, the Heaven Restoration Salve? Rumor has it that the Soulrending Immortal Powder was based on the Heaven Restoration Salve!”

Li Qiye smilingly revealed: “Actually, the old ancestors of the kingdom had never seen the formula of this salve, they only heard a little bit about the techniques. These ancestors were indeed amazing Alchemy Emperors. After hearing bits of the process, they were inspired and created their own techniques which eventually culminated in the famed powder of their kingdom.”

“These are the materials for the salve?” Yuan Caihe looked at the materials in disbelief and commented: “Legend has it that the salve came from the Alchemy God. It is unbelievably supreme. Even when one’s true fate is gravely injured and only a strand of their soul remains, the salve can still rescue them! Outside of complete death, the salve can cure anything.”

“You can put it that way.” Li Qiye gently nodded: “Of course, it isn’t that easy. Refining the salve requires a supreme dao of alchemy. Moreover, if only a single strand of soul remains, the restoration process would be very difficult even with the Heaven Restoration Salve in the hands of an Alchemy Emperor. It is indeed a challenge.”

Coming from the Serene Garden, Yuan Caihe knew more about the salve than Madam Zi Yan. She was completely astonished as she spoke: “Although the salve has been lost for a long time, many alchemists and even Alchemy Emperors have researched it down to this day. Many of them guessed that the materials for this supreme salve must be immortal medicines or even true immortal medicines!”

She wasn’t the only one who held this notion. Anyone who knew about this salve would be in disbelief. The Heaven Restoration Salve was not refined using immortal medicines. Outside of the rare leading materials, the others could be considered precious, but they were definitely not exceedingly rare!

Compared to the fame of the Heaven Restoration Salve, these materials were far too ordinary and cheap!

“Those are just rumors.” Li Qiye gently shook his head: “The salve earned its reputation not from its precious ingredients but rather from the peerless refinement technique. Endless refinement into perfection is the most appropriate way to describe this salve.”

“Heaven Restoration Salve...” Eventually, Yuan Caihe commented in amazement: “The thing that is restoring the

heavens is not the medicine itself, but the dao of alchemy! Using alchemy to reach the heavens is only a minor path. Using the alchemy dao to restore the heavens is the grand path.”

“You have entered the dao of alchemy.” Li Qiye smiled: “Let us begin. Although refining this batch will not take too long, it is definitely a complicated process.”

Yuan Caihe and the madam couldn’t help but take deep breaths. They were excited to be able to aid in the process of creating this supreme medicine. This was an extraordinary opportunity!

Chapter 783: Medicine Inviting The Heavenly Flame

While Li Qiye was refining behind closed doors, many people wondered what kind of medicine he was refining. After seeing his supreme dao of alchemy with their own eyes, they all believed that this seclusive refinement session aimed to create an incredible pill.

Although there had not been any news over the last few days about Li Qiye's mountain, countless eyes were fixated on his abode.

Many were excited, and even God-Monarchs who didn't want to show their faces were paying great attention. This was because he was able to create something that tempted even themselves... longevity medicines!

It could even be said that during this period, there were God-Monarchs who had gathered longevity materials just to ask Li Qiye to refine them!

Although they had taken longevity medicines many times already as God-Monarchs, they still yearned for Li Qiye to refine a batch for them.

In their eyes, Li Qiye's longevity medicines were very likely to be the most effective when it comes to ignoring resistance. A God-Monarch speculated that if they used medicines from any other alchemist, there would be no effect at all.

However, the Alchemy Kingdom's God-Monarch had inquired about this issue before. After five usages, he would still be able to live for three more years if he consumed the medicine. If they could prepare even better materials for Li Qiye, then with his abilities, perhaps he could even refine a heavenly medicine!

They weren't counting on living for another thousand years. As long as it could pierce through their resistance to allow them to live for three and a half more years, that would be more than enough!

This extra three years on top of burying themselves in Blood Era Stones would allow them to withstand the erosion of the endless river of time!

With this being the case, God-Monarchs were paying sky-high prices to gather materials. Once this was done, they would beseech Li Qiye to refine the medicines. As long as Li Qiye was willing, they wouldn't mind paying a monumental price as the refinement fee!

One day after another passed. Finally, Li Qiye's Heaven Restoration Salve was about to form. The Myriad Heavenly Cauldron's fire was about to erupt in a violent manner. It created a terrifying storm as if it wanted to break the cauldron. This fierce fire resembled countless volcanoes erupting at the same time!

Li Qiye was drenched in sweat while controlling the cauldron. Even though his blood energy was completely spent, he still frantically urged the Yin Yang Sea of Blood so that he could use its

majestic energy to control the cauldron's fire to maintain its powerful state.

“The heavenly flame is about to come!” Li Qiye shouted. He withdrew the seal of the pentagate and looked at the sky while taking a deep breath to prepare for the final gamble.

Seeing the changes in the sky, Li Qiye commanded: “Caihe, your turn now! Zi Yan, give her a hand!”

Yuan Caihe had learned Li Qiye's technique throughout the process. She prepared herself to take command of the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron in Li Qiye's place.

At the same time, the madam's blood energy erupted as she placed her hand on Yuan Caihe's back, ready to support her with the purest of energy.

“Boom!” The firmament shattered and Li Qiye shouted: “It is here. Begin!”

Amidst the action, Li Qiye withdrew his hand. Yuan Caihe was prepared to take his place and controlled the cauldron fire. Meanwhile, the madam did not hold anything back as her blood energy surged forward. After obtaining this energy, the fire became even more violent.

“Heavenly flame...” One of the people who had been keeping an eye on Li Qiye's mountain saw the shattered firmament and said:

“Li Qiye is refining an ointment right now!”

Many people were disappointed because they were hoping for him to refine some longevity medicine. No matter the era, longevity medicines were always very rare and precious!

“It seems that it’s not an ordinary ointment as it brought about the heavenly flame.” Despite the disappointment, the shattered sky dome still shocked many people.

Alchemy would bring about tribulations. The absence of a tribulation only meant that the particular medicine did not reach such a level. For example, longevity medicines of the saint level and up all suffer longevity reduction while the emperor level medicines undergo imperial warnings.

The tribulation of ointments was the heavenly flame. If the alchemist couldn’t handle the wrath of this flame from the heavens, then in the best case scenario, the cauldron could be destroyed. The worst case scenario would be death from being burnt to a crisp.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The heavenly flame finally came down in an overwhelming manner. The moment it appeared, it seemed to scorch the entire sky.

“Oh shit, what kind of joke is this!” An alchemist saw the color of the flame and was instantly horrified.

The masses in Alchemy City were shocked to see the heavenly flame from the sky. A Legendary Alchemist uttered in horror: “Karmic Flame, this is too unreal. A heavenly flame of the karmic level!”

Karmic Flame was the most daunting flame for cultivators! Although this fire was not the real Karmic Flame from ordinary cultivation, it was more than enough to dishearten people.

Someone took a deep breath and commented: “What is going on, an ointment bringing about Karmic Flame? Just what kind of ointment is this?” The crowd around him was in complete disbelief.

The flame went straight for the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron. When facing a tribulation of this level, both the alchemist and the cauldron had to tackle it together.

“Go!” But how could Li Qiye give this flame a chance to attack his cauldron? At this key moment, he released the Phoenix as it went to meet the flame head on.

“Bang!” The heavenly flame was ferocious in its attack. However, the bird flapped its wings and accepted all of the fire. Under the control of the Death Chapter, the Phoenix was able to devour the heavenly flame entirely.

As it devoured the flames, its bones began to melt once more. This time, a different change occurred. The incomplete body of the Phoenix began to slowly grow.

Li Qiye didn't only want to refine the Heaven Restoration Salve, he wanted to borrow the Karmic Flame to refine the Phoenix's bones to strengthen its damaged corpse.

Only a karmic level heavenly flame would be able to restore this incomplete corpse since the Phoenix was an immortal bird.

Although it seemed straightforward with Li Qiye using the Death Chapter, this process was not so easy! Although this Karmic Flame was still weaker than the Brightflame Cauldron's fire, the quantity was vastly different. The heavenly flame struck down like a surging river. An emperor flame couldn't compare to this heavenly flame in quantity. This heavenly flame seemed to be endless, allowing the phoenix to be reborn with a new, albeit incomplete, skeleton.

This went on for a very long time, causing the people in the city to be tongue-tied. A Karmic Flame was already frightening enough, but it also persisted for such a long time.

"This kid is too scary. To be able to withstand a karmic level heavenly flame for such a long time, what a devil." Someone murmured after seeing this scene.

Eventually, the heavenly flame disappeared, signaling the end of the tribulation. Yuan Caihe and the madam also withdrew their hands; they were both completely exhausted.

"Finally, success. Heaven Restoration Salve, I did not think that I

would be able to refine such a medicine one day.” Even the normally calm Yuan Caihe became very excited after taking out the medicine.

Li Qiye also smiled as well. For him, this was not only a successful refinement, the Phoenix’s skeleton was also restored.

At this point, the skeletal bird was perfect once more. The broken fragments had been supplemented by the heavenly flame. A golden glimmer flashed throughout the entire bird, making it seem to be made out of pure gold. Its heart was jumping up and down.

“Finally done.” Li Qiye was also joyous as he looked at the bird. After this step, reviving the Phoenix would be much easier.

“If we can create its flesh and blood, then the Phoenix will have a chance for rebirth.” The madam emotionally murmured.

Li Qiye was able to get two birds with one stone during this refinement. Not only did he refine the salve, he also restored the skeleton of the bird. It was a great harvest.

“Good, job well done.” Li Qiye said with a smile. The madam and Yuan Caihe happily smiled back as well. This success made them very excited.

However, after finishing the job, they were not greeted by Tie Yi. Li Qiye looked throughout the building and found that Tie Yi was

missing.

“This guy is really restless. He actually ran outside.” Li Qiye shook his head disapprovingly.

At first, Li Qiye didn't care because Tie Yi had always been lurking around. However, after half a day had passed, Li Qiye felt something was wrong.

“This isn't right.” He said: “If the old geezer saw the heavenly flame from the sky, then he should know that the salve was about to be completed.”

The salve was extremely important for Tie Yi, so he should have rushed back after seeing the successful refinement!

Yuan Caihe said: “Big Brother, Tie Yi is a powerful paragon. He should be alright.”

While Li Qiye was feeling that something was amiss, someone came to visit and insisted on meeting Li Qiye! Under such persistence, Li Qiye decided to meet him.

This was a stranger that Li Qiye had never met before. After this person saw that it was safe, he finally transformed and revealed his true appearance.

“Observant Monarch?” Li Qiye was surprised to see the person's real appearance: “What happened for you to come here in this

manner?” A sense of foreboding rose in his mind.

“Young Noble Li, things are not looking good. Something big has happened.” The monarch hastily spoke: “I came under the princess’ order to see you.”

“Yexue?” After hearing this, Li Qiye confirmed his suspicions.

Chapter 784: The Legendary Black Fox

“Well, where do I start...” The monarch rubbed his palms nervously with a worried and embarrassed expression: “I don’t really know the exact situation within the imperial family right now.”

Li Qiye grew serious: “Monarch, tell me what you know. There are no outsiders here, so you can be frank.”

The monarch pondered for a moment before speaking: “In the worst case scenario, the princess might have been temporarily restrained by the ancestors. After receiving the last message, I haven’t received anything new from her, and I can’t find Grandma Bai either.”

“Under house arrest or removed from her position?” A pensive glimmer appeared in his eyes. He considered her as one of his people, so he absolutely didn’t want anything to happen to her.

The monarch smiled wryly and said: “Hard to say. I am almost blind with no information regarding the imperial family’s situation right now. Currently, the ancestors are in charge, and even His Highness can only follow orders.”

“What actually happened?” Li Qiye deepened his tone.

As its descendant, Ming Yexue was extremely important to the kingdom. If the ancestors actually wanted to remove her status, something big must have occurred.

“Young Noble Li, this matter stems from your driver.” The monarch responded seriously: “Plus, this guy caused big trouble in the past.”

“Do tell.” Li Qiye knew that things really weren’t looking so good after hearing about Tie Yi’s involvement.

“Young Noble Li’s driver is the infamous Black Fox!” The monarch said: “Did you know his identity?”

“Black Fox?” Li Qiye rubbed his chin in contemplation. In fact, Tie Yi’s identity didn’t matter to him. The crucial point was that he trusted Tie Yi, and Tie Yi was loyally working for him.

“Young Noble Li, this is no laughing matter.” The monarch raised his voice: “The Black Fox caused huge problems back then. He offended all the sects in this world and even stole a few treasures from our kingdom!”

“Tie Yi is the Black Fox?” The madam standing to the side was startled. As a great Demon King and the ruler of Giant Bamboo, she couldn’t be more familiar with the tales of Black Fox. Back then, everyone in the Stone Medicine World heard of his stories.

Plus, Black Fox had always been very mysterious. There was a rumor that no one had seen his face or knew of his background.

The madam asked with surprise: “No one had seen his true

appearance or knew his background, so how could the kingdom be so sure that Tie Yi is Black Fox?”

The monarch responded: “I am not very clear on the exact circumstances. I heard that the Stony Peak’s Ye Qingcheng had come to meet the ancestors from the imperial family. It seems that Ye Qingcheng is the one that found out Black Fox’s identity.”

“Ye Qingcheng?” Li Qiye’s eyes flashed. Ye Qingcheng actually came to the kingdom and discovered Black Fox’s true identity — this was too much of a coincidence. It seemed like Ye Qingcheng came for him specifically.

The monarch continued: “I heard that the ancestors reacted very strongly about Black Fox’s matter, but the princess tried her best to calm the opposition and the ancestors. She wanted to wait until Young Noble was finished with your refinement to settle this matter peacefully. Later on, I don’t know how Ye Qingcheng convinced the ancestors to eventually make a move to capture Black Fox.”

“Ye Qingcheng!” The glimmer turned cold in Li Qiye’s eyes. This was a clear shot at him. Ye Qingcheng wanted nothing more than for both him and the kingdom to be destroyed. Perhaps this was a method to use the kingdom against him.

Although the two had never met, their feud had been forged long ago. Plus, if he couldn’t recruit an existence like Li Qiye, then Li Qiye would be a great threat to him in the future. Because of this, he must kill Li Qiye as soon as possible before Li Qiye’s wings matured; he must erase this anxiety from his mind!

“Ye Qingcheng is still an outsider though.” Yuan Caihe interjected: “Miss Ming is your descendant, so your ancestors could not have foolishly listened to an outsider and restrained her.”

“Virtuous Niece, there is no point saying these words to me.” The monarch wryly laughed and said: “This is the decision of the ancestors. I am only a noble and have no power to question or interfere, not to mention that I don’t know the exact details either.”

“No.” Li Qiye waved his sleeve dismissively: “Ye Qingcheng is only fanning the fire, and Black Fox is only an excuse. The ancestors of the kingdom are simply playing dumb! They wanted to take action long ago but were missing an excuse! They want to capture Black Fox first, then point their swords at me later!”

Li Qiye sneered after saying this. He knew what the ancestors wanted to do. First of all, the God-Monarchs would not easily let this go after suffering such a humiliating defeat. Second, Li Qiye had the heart of the Phoenix and even the skeleton. The ancestors would want these treasures back. The third and most crucial point was that they wanted to break the vow of old!

The powerful kingdom had been keeping a low profile since that year and never showed itself to the world. However, as time passed, things would change.

Perhaps within the last one or two generations, a few ancestors of

the kingdom had become restless. This was especially true during the Difficult Dao Era. Some of the ancestors might have lost their patience.

However, the kingdom was indeed a monstrous behemoth; no one had dared to try them on. But now, Li Qiye offended the kingdom and even brought the fire of war all the way to their ancestral ground.

How could these restless ancestors let go of such a good opportunity? They needed Li Qiye to fan this fire of war, preferably to also involve Alpine Mountain and the Alpine Ancestors.

As a result, they would have a reason to break the vow of old and escape from its restraint!

A few ancestors had been waiting for this kind of opportunity for too long, and now the time was ripe!

The monarch could only sigh. This matter was on a level that far exceeded his influence and capabilities.

“Where is Black Fox right now?” Li Qiye raised his voice.

The monarch responded with a wry smile: “I don’t know this either. He is very clever; after catching wind of this, he immediately escaped before our ancestors could even take action. Later on, his whereabouts were discovered several times, but he

still managed to flee. Right now, our kingdom is mustering all of our might to capture him.”

The monarch looked at Li Qiye: “Young Noble Li, I’m afraid such a situation will not last. The patience of the ancestors is limited. If they can’t catch Black Fox, they might move onto you instead!”

“I understand this.” Li Qiye nodded gently. In fact, this was only a matter of time for the ancestors of the kingdom.

“Young Noble Li, this is all I can do. If it wasn’t for the princess entrusting me...” The monarch only sighed and didn’t finish the sentence.

Li Qiye replied: “I appreciate Monarch taking the risk to come here. Please return. The longer you stay, the more dangerous it will be for you.”

The monarch coming here in secret was a very risky undertaking. If discovered by the imperial family, then a light sentence would be a grave punishment, and a harsh sentence would be treating it as treason against the kingdom and the ancestors! This was a very heavy crime.

If it wasn’t for Ming Yexue’s request and that Li Qiye had saved his son’s life, the monarch wouldn’t have been willing to take such a risk to tell Li Qiye this information.

After sending the monarch away, the madam worriedly asked:

“Young Master, what should we do now?”

“No rush, this is only a speculation from the ancestors, they have no evidence.” Li Qiye chuckled: “Otherwise, would they be waiting all this time? No, they would have taken action already. If they want evidence, then they have to capture Tie Yi first!”

“With their formidable strength, capturing Tie Yi might just be a matter of time.” Yuan Caihe was concerned as well. It was completely different this time since the kingdom was determined to fight.

“Not true.” Li Qiye shook his head: “If the kingdom could capture Tie Yi, then they would have done so by now.”

Li Qiye smiled: “This old man’s ability to run for his life can definitely overwhelm an entire generation. He can instantly disappear from this earth if he really wanted to run, and those old geezers would have no way of finding him. Why is it that these geezers were able to find his location several times?”

“Young Master is saying that Tie Yi purposely exposed his whereabouts in order to attract the ancestors so that they won’t disturb your refinement...” The madam speculated.

Li Qiye nodded: “You can put it that way. Those old geezers know that I am not easy to trifle with, and they have no evidence so they can’t directly aim for me. This being the case, things were not right for them to make a move. However, if Tie Yi disappears completely, then these geezers will immediately break all

pretenses. They must first capture Tie Yi alive.”

At this point, he sneered: “If they manage to capture him, then it wouldn’t just be him stealing from their kingdom! Perhaps I am the dark hand behind the curtains, or perhaps Alpine Mountain and even the forefather will be the real culprit.”

“How can that be?” Yuan Caihe was astonished: “They would even antagonize Alpine Mountain or even the forefather over just a Black Fox?”

“They might not necessarily want to fight against the forefather. However, they need an excuse to maneuver their troops, a reason to show themselves in the world again!” Li Qiye chortled contemptuously. How could he not know what these ancestors were planning?

Chapter 785: Alchemy Kingdom's Plan

The madam worriedly said: "If the ancestors want to go big this time, I'm afraid they are definitely prepared. Maybe even a Godking will come out!"

"Don't worry." Li Qiye chuckled: "The kingdom is ready, but so am I. If those geezers want to die, then they can't blame me for not giving them any face. I will be more than happy to flip over the kingdom just in time to borrow their ancestral vein!"

The madam could only smile in response. She knew that her Young Master wanted to use their ancestral vein to revive the Phoenix.

"Big Brother, what should we do now? Leave the Alchemy Kingdom for now?" Yuan Caine was also concerned for his safety.

Li Qiye shook his head and said: "No, we have to find Old Man Tie Yi first. He is surely still in the city. After finding him, we'll decide what to do based on the Alchemy Kingdom's response."

The madam gently sighed. She knew that another great battle was on its way. It would be a scene of carnage that exceeded imagination.

In the recent couple of days, Li Qiye's refinement had created a huge commotion that garnered great attention. However, another matter was very eye-catching as well.

The kingdom's scouting legion suddenly appeared. Countless experts came out of nowhere along with several infamous ancestors.

“What could have happened to warrant this response?” Many experts that were staying in the city were startled from the kingdom's strong presence.

The imperial family had always been very low-key and people rarely came out. But now, the sudden appearance of this many experts and ancestors was akin to the release of a dam, scaring many people.

The young alchemists participating in the conference were frightened out of their minds. They wanted to join the conference to become famous, but before the event could begin, numerous twists and turns had happened.

“Black Fox has appeared.” No one knew whether the kingdom purposely released this information or if someone else found out by chance. In short, their scouting legion's appearance and matters regarding Black Fox immediately spread.

Many were in disbelief after coming across this news. It rekindled their memories because Black Fox had faded from the world for a long time. Someone commented in bewilderment: “No way, didn't Black Fox die already? Rumor has it that the kingdom killed him back then!”

The story regarding his death back then was very plausible, so many trusted that he had been killed by one of the kingdom's ancestors.

“He didn't. The kingdom is moving to capture Black Fox. There's also one more thing to note, Black Fox is Li Qiye's driver!” In actuality, the kingdom was quickly spreading this news to all the nooks and crannies in the city.

“That driver?” The crowd was caught off guard after hearing this news. However, after thinking about it again, Li Qiye's driver was able to fight against the Xian Alchemy Ancestor. It seemed that it was not so surprising after all.

Other speculations ran rampant as well. Not long ago, Li Qiye and the kingdom were going all out against each other. However, now Li Qiye's driver suddenly turned into Black Fox, inevitably making others doubtful of this information. At the very least, the kingdom had no convincing proof that this was the case.

A few even wondered if the kingdom was willfully framing Li Qiye or not!

Skeptical or not, many people were ready to watch the events unfold. Of course, there were also those with different goals.

One day, the ancestors who were chasing after Black Fox in different directions suddenly retreated back to the ancestral ground.

“What is the kingdom doing?” The sudden withdrawal and the ancestors surrounding the entrance of the ancestral ground attracted a lot of attention.

The kingdom’s disciples who were guarding the entrance were dazed as well. In the blink of an eye, a great army surrounded the entire location. The ancestors with their terrifying auras took their breaths away. The disciples felt their legs grow feeble; they couldn’t stand straight after not knowing if they had done something wrong to warrant this situation.

At this time, an ancestor that had sealed this area coldly uttered: “Black Fox, show yourself!”

“Hahaha, your kingdom is too slow. It takes this long to find me here?” A guard disciple shook his body and laughed. Who could this be besides Tie Yi?

The other disciples were scared out of their wits after seeing their junior brother suddenly turn into someone else. They turned and fled from this inevitable disaster.

“Black Fox, it is not too late to surrender.” Another ancestor spoke with a harsh demeanor.

“Black Fox?” Tie Yi shook his head: “I have said many times that I am not this Black Fox you speak of. I am only a lowly driver.”

“If you are not Black Fox, then why did you run to this place?”

The ancestor retorted: “This clearly shows that you have a guilty conscience! If you turn yourself in, my kingdom will show leniency.”

Tie Yi laughed in response: “After seeing your aggressive approach, a coward like me would naturally flee.”

“If you are not Black Fox, then surrender. If we come to find that you are innocent, then we will not cause trouble for you.” The ancestor replied.

The ancestors here wanted to take action, but alas, they had no evidence. Prior to this, Ye Qingcheng assured the kingdom that his sources were absolutely reliable! When the kingdom was chasing Tie Yi, his methods of escape were the same as Black Fox’s in the past.

Although the kingdom was certain that Li Qiye’s driver was Black Fox, they didn’t have conclusive evidence. There was no other way since no one knew Black Fox’s background. He had always been shrouded in secrecy.

Tie Yi shook his head in response: “I don’t trust your Alchemy Kingdom in this matter. Once captured, one can make a little rabbit admit that it is a wolf!”

“Fool.” The ancestor’s expression turned cold as a powerful bloodlust surged forth. He awe-inspiringly uttered: “In that case, don’t blame us for being merciless!”

The majority of the cultivators watching this commotion held their breaths. They knew that this storm would definitely spread to Li Qiye as well!

“I heard that people are chasing my driver. I didn’t believe it at first, but now that it is happening before my very eyes, it seems that I have no other choice.” A relaxed voice came at this time.

“Li Qiye is here!” The experts present were shaken after seeing the slow arrival of a carriage. Li Qiye was currently famous, and his feud with the kingdom was common knowledge. They all felt that a great war was about to happen.

This time, the driver was Madam Zi Yan. Li Qiye lazed around in the back with Yuan Caihe next to him.

A few cultivators admired his calm demeanor, even those that were annoyed with him. What kind of courage and determination did this require?

The ancestors smirked after seeing his arrival. They were eager to spill dirty water on Li Qiye and take action against him. Alas, the only obstacle was the lack of evidence.

But now, Li Qiye brought himself right to their doors. To them, nothing could be better than this! It was simply ignoring the accepting heavens and barging into the unwelcoming hell!

“Young Noble...” Tie Yi smiled awkwardly when he saw Li Qiye

approaching. He understood the kingdom's goal and didn't want to involve Li Qiye. However, Li Qiye was here, so even if he wanted to avoid this disaster, it was not to be.

“Li Qiye, you came just in time!” One of the ancestors sneered. The army of the kingdom and even a few ancestors shifted their positions. In the blink of an eye, they instantly surrounded Li Qiye. Even if he wanted to escape, all of his paths were completely blocked.

Even a slow-witted person would know that the kingdom was about to deal with Li Qiye.

“This battle is inevitable. Who knows who the victor will be in the end?” A cultivator standing outside murmured.

Li Qiye stepped down from his carriage and glanced around at the kingdom's experts that surrounded him. His gaze fell upon the old ancestors.

“It seems that your kingdom is ready to attack me.” Li Qiye smiled at the crowd.

“You commanded Black Fox to steal our kingdom's treasures. Your sins are unforgivable!” An ancestor coldly responded. He slyly claimed that Li Qiye was the real culprit behind the scenes and quickly dragged him into this affair.

They wanted to hit three birds with one arrow. First, they could

capture Black Fox and Li Qiye. Second, that would regain the Phoenix. Third, they would have an excuse to bring the war to Alpine Mountain so that their kingdom could rise again!

“Lies!” Tie Yi’s expression quickly sank. He immediately understood the sinister intent of the kingdom after hearing this; they aimed to capture his Young Noble!

Chapter 786: Immortal Emperor's Cage

The ancestor sneered in response: “Lies? You are Black Fox and Li Qiye is your master. Who but Li Qiye would command you to steal our treasures?!”

“Bullshit!” Tie Yi lost his cool: “You think I don’t know your kingdom’s nasty ploy? If you have a problem, then come at me. Don’t involve my Young Noble!”

The ancestor coldly smiled: “Your loyalty is admirable. However, you are only his servant. Li Qiye’s ploy for our treasures is simply unforgivable!”

Many spectators took a deep breath after hearing this. The kingdom not only claimed that Tie Yi was Black Fox, they also insisted that Li Qiye was the mastermind.

It seemed that it was no longer important whether Tie Yi was Black Fox or not. The crucial thing was that the kingdom didn’t mind paying any price to capture Li Qiye’s group.

“So your kingdom is certain that he is Black Fox?” Li Qiye was neither surprised nor angry at the kingdom’s insistence. He remained calm as if this was the natural course of events.

“It’s far from just that. The past invasion and thievery of our kingdom were all part of your plans.” The ancestor coldly uttered.

Everyone understood after hearing this that the kingdom wanted to push Li Qiye off the cliff. They all knew that it was simply impossible for Li Qiye to command Black Fox to steal the kingdom's treasures. Take a step back and assume that Tie Yi was indeed Black Fox; when Black Fox was active, Li Qiye might not have been born yet. How could he be the one in command?

People shuddered after hearing the ancestors, especially the big shots and ancestors from the other lineages. Until now, people didn't sense this behemoth of a kingdom's existence due to its reclusiveness. Although its power was widely spread from word of mouth, very few people were threatened by the kingdom.

But now, this new style left these experts with cold chills. They suddenly realized that the kingdom was not just a behemoth, it was an even more terrifying existence, an untethered prehistoric beast from the ancient ages! If one day, it chose to not remain hidden anymore; if one day, it chose to emerge for hegemony... the fierce beast would finally leave the mountain and the flood would finally break the dam!

With its power, they would be able to control the winds and clouds at their whim. It was not difficult for them now that they had revealed their intent.

"Amazing, simply amazing." Li Qiye smiled and clapped his hands in response to the slander: "The Alchemy Kingdom is not only powerful, its distortion of black and white is quite eye-opening as well!"

The ancestor coldly replied: "Li Qiye, do not tarnish our

kingdom. We have always been reasonable and defenders of justice! However, against treacherous villains who have malicious intentions towards the Stone Medicine World, there is no need to hold back. Our kingdom has the responsibility to maintain world peace!”

“Mmm, just the words I wanted to hear from you.” Li Qiye smiled softly: “You know, the more you speak, the less guilty I will feel about destroying your kingdom. Although I am a vicious person, do not blame me for what I am about to do. Blame yourself for maneuvering against me.”

At this point, Li Qiye waved his hand towards Tie Yi: “Tie Yi, come over here. If they are certain that I commanded you, then very well, we shall let the Alchemy Kingdom learn just how ruthless the dark hand behind the curtains is!”

After mentioning the dark hand behind the curtain, Li Qiye’s eyes immediately turned fierce with bloodthirst. For many generations, there were countless invincible existences who referred to him by this title! The dark hand manipulating the eras, the monster lurking in the background...

Tie Yi hesitated for a moment but eventually went over to Li Qiye’s side. He didn’t want to involve Li Qiye in this matter, but it seemed that Li Qiye paid no mind.

“Very good, since both of you have admitted to it, nothing could be better.” The ancestor snidely smiled: “Surrender now and perhaps our kingdom will show you mercy!”

“Mercy?” Li Qiye looked at the ancestor and couldn’t help but laugh: “I need your kingdom to show me mercy? Such funny words. Whether I forgive your kingdom or not will depend on my mood!”

“Ignorant fool. You think your dead Phoenix can defeat our kingdom all by itself?!” The ancestor became furious. Their previous defeat to Li Qiye was a great humiliation to the kingdom. No matter what, their kingdom must wash away the shame from last time!

“You’re right. Today, I will tear apart your ancestral land! Don’t blame me, you’ve brought this upon yourselves.” Li Qiye revealed a cold grimace.

“Bold words, I want to see how your skeletal bird will tear apart my ancestral land!” An ancient voice erupted like thunder.

Amidst the action, the auras of God-Monarchs swept through the land, causing countless people to prostrate!

“God-Monarch!” Someone screamed after seeing the monarchs coming out from the kingdom’s ancestral ground: “Three God-Monarchs!”

Three monarchs emerged; two of them were the ones who had attacked last time. Their auras rose to the heavens and suppressed the underworld. Their simultaneous arrival caused many people to shiver in fear.

Many experts retreated to the distance, not daring to come close. The appearance of three monarchs meant that a grand battle was about to ensue.

“If you have nothing else to say, then it’s time to begin.” Li Qiye’s eyes turned serious after seeing the three monarchs. In an instant, a death energy lingered around him along with the appearance of the Death Chapter.

“Screech!” The Phoenix cried and flew out. The Phoenix’s flame ignited as if it was about to burn away the entire sky. It flew in front of Li Qiye as its immortal aura crushed the sky dome. Even a God-Monarch would have no way to take another step forward.

“Subdue!” The monarchs came prepared this time. They summoned a formation that turned into a huge cage that instantly trapped the Phoenix.

Endless imperial might swept through the air with the appearance of this cage. The cage resembled an Immortal Emperor’s five fingers that seemingly wanted to imprison the bird.

“A formation personally created by an Immortal Emperor! Immortal Emperor [Yao Zu](#)’s formation!” A knowledgeable ancestor was shocked. Even a God-Monarch would instantly become a prisoner due to the formation’s power.

Yao Zu = Alchemy Ancestor

“Pluff!” The Phoenix spread its wings to hit the cage. This prison rocked back and forth and was seemingly about to break at any second. If this formation from an Immortal Emperor could suppress a phoenix, then it would no longer be a phoenix.

“Sacrifice the ancestral blood!” The monarchs shouted at the same time and used their quickest speed to offer the ancestral blood. In the blink of an eye, a sanguine light filled the sky. Souls left people’s bodies after seeing this frightening imperial power.

This sanguine light quickly came together as imperial chains reinforced the cage, allowing it to display its eternal might!

“A drop of longevity blood from Immortal Emperor Yao Zu!” An ancestor was aghast when he saw the chains that reinforced the cage like myriad stars condensing. This power was capable of stopping anything in this world.

The crowd was truly horrified this time around. The kingdom was really going all out. They didn’t only summon an imperial formation, they even offered it imperial blood from an emperor! This was a supreme item unavailable to virtually everyone. Some even said that it was even more valuable than an Immortal Emperor Life Treasure!

But right now, the kingdom didn’t mind spending it to suppress the Phoenix. What a grand and scary showing.

One could easily imagine the power of a formation strengthened by imperial blood. It was as if an Immortal Emperor himself had

come to quell the oppression. This power was comparable to an Imperial Massacre! However, the main difference was that anyone could summon this formation and offer the blood, but not just anyone could unleash an Imperial Massacre!

The formation's power rose countless times after the addition of the imperial blood. The chains that locked the cage made it unbreakable.

The Phoenix's flame grew dim after receiving the suppression of an Immortal Emperor. The bird flapped its wings, intending to tear the cage apart, but this cage was too heavily fortified.

“Junior, give up now. This is your only chance.” After offering the imperial blood, one of the monarchs was completely confident. They were certain that without the protection of the Phoenix, Li Qiye was only an ant.

Madam Zi Yan and Caihe were in distress as well after seeing the trapped Phoenix. In their eyes, the bird was their strongest card. Now, they were extremely vulnerable before the Alchemy Kingdom's God-Monarchs.

“It is over...” The jolted crowd felt that Li Qiye was done for without the Phoenix.

Even if Li Qiye was the most excellent among the younger generation, even if he could reach the Virtuous Paragon realm, he was only an ant before a God-Monarch.

Moreover, the kingdom didn't only have just one monarch. Its true power was not all here. Crushing Li Qiye in this circumstance was even easier than crushing an ant.

Tie Yi was jolted by this result as well. He immediately went in front of Li Qiye to act as a guard. At the very least, he was still a Virtuous Paragon!

Chapter 787: Slaying God-Monarchs

However, Li Qiye was not anxious at all in this situation; it was as if he was enjoying himself. He smilingly said: “In order to achieve your goal, your kingdom is really going all out this time.”

This was indeed the case. Imperial blood was priceless and would be gone after a single use! The kingdom’s expenditure this time was more than enough to show their determination.

Nevertheless, capturing Li Qiye and obtaining the Phoenix was still worth it for the kingdom even if they had to spend imperial blood!

“I am merciful and will give you one last chance.” Li Qiye looked at the monarchs and dismissively said: “Surrender now or suffer the consequences!”

“Stop blustering, I will take you down, brat!” The monarch who fought against Li Qiye last time grimaced. With great murderous intent, his giant hand came grasping at Li Qiye.

Without the Phoenix, Li Qiye was only a junior to him. Even if he was strong, he would only be an ant at best — he couldn’t reach the apex.

Li Qiye’s eyes turned cold after seeing the oncoming palm. In a split second, Li Qiye’s forehead opened. A seal emerged from his sea of memories and instantly lit up the surroundings.

Right when the monarch's hand was about to catch Li Qiye, space suddenly trembled. A fair hand flew out from the deepest location of the Alchemy Kingdom's ancestral ground. It lingered in the sky and flicked one finger.

“Pluff!” This monarch couldn't even react. He was instantly obliterated into a bloody mist.

This white hand continued to press forward and unleashed a strike onto the cage. One could only see the five slender, jade-like fingers crushing down on it. “Pop!” The cage that was trapping the Phoenix was instantly shattered. Even the imperial chains could not stop the hand from breaking the cage.

“Impossible...” This sudden development frightened everyone. Those who saw it with their own eyes lost their minds!

A monarch was rendered into mist with the flick of a finger. The cage strengthened by imperial blood mouldered after just one touch. What a horrifying twist of events!

Before people could recover, this white hand disappeared. No one knew where it came from or who it belonged to.

“Little animal, you used an evil art!” As the crowd was still trembling, the two God-Monarchs regained their sanity. With a dignified battle cry, they used their fastest speed to try to kill Li Qiye.

“Screech!” The two monarchs simply had no chance to get close to him. The Phoenix immolated myriad realms and instantly engulfed the two!

“Ahh!” Miserable screams filled the air. The two monarchs couldn’t block the flames of the Phoenix. In a short period of time, this flame burned them into ashes!

They were too arrogant and certain of their victory, so they didn’t bring imperial true treasures from their ancestral ground. Because of this, they were no match for the Phoenix!

“Let us begin!” Li Qiye stood there calmly. The seal from his sea of memories grew even more radiant and dazzling!

“Rumble!” A horrifying event occurred as if something was tearing apart the ancestral ground. The grand vein sealed underground instantly appeared.

In just a moment, a series of immortal sounds echoed. An endless immortal energy soared to the sky like a geyser. Moreover, boundless worldly essence rushed out. There were images of True Dragons, auras of Godkings, and figures of immortal medicines...

Everyone was aghast after seeing this. One of them calmed down with drool dripping down and commented: “This is the best essence of the kingdom’s ancestral ground!”

This was the best thing this world had to offer. Just one jar was enough for a lifetime!

The flying Phoenix opened its mouth and sucked in the immortal energy and worldly essence. All the different images were swallowed as well. After the best essence of this world was devoured by the bird, its flame grew even hotter and illuminated the entire sky dome!

No one knew what was going on. The kingdom's ancestral ground suddenly split open by itself and revealed the ancestral vein. This was simply impossible to fathom.

The ancestral ground of any nation was definitely protected by countless seals and fortifications, let alone a behemoth like the Alchemy Kingdom! But at this minute, it seemed as if all of its fortifications lost their functionality.

“Boom!” At this moment, three stalwart and unrivaled figures appeared inside the kingdom. The moment these three figures appeared, myriad realms lost their brilliance. The entire Stone Medicine World seemed to be a tiny boat among turbulent waves.

Everyone in the world, even the most ancient existences sealed underground, was jolted into awareness. This aura was truly terrifying.

Above the sky were invincible Immortal Emperors. They loomed over the world and swept across time. The three figures emerged and caused all living beings in the Alchemy Kingdom to drop to the

ground. Even the Alchemy Realm and perhaps all of the Stone Medicine World had their inhabitants worshiping fearfully.

“Immortal Emperors! The Alchemy Kingdom’s three emperors!” A pale ancestor exclaimed in horror.

Three emperors came out at the same time. This was beyond everyone’s imagination! Immortal Emperor [Yao Zu](#), Immortal Emperor [Bi Shi](#), and Immortal Emperor [Zhuo Huo](#) shocked the realms. Any existence would be trembling with trepidation!

Alchemy Ancestor

Stone Prison

Brightflame

Of course, these were not the real emperors but only avatars they left behind. Unless there was no other choice, their avatars would not appear.

The three of them worked together to stop the essence escaping from the ancestral vein! To the Alchemy Kingdom, this was their truest foundation. As long as the vein continued to exist, so would the kingdom!

“Buzz!” It seemed that time-space had been reversed. In the deepest parts of the kingdom infinitely close to the Alchemy Vein’s source, a location beyond the ancestral ground, one transcendent figure could be found standing there.

This was a lady with her face hidden! Step by step, she headed

into the kingdom's ancestral ground. The moment she arrived, myriad realms prostrated.

Images of the nine worlds and myriad realms emerged with her appearance. The heavenly grand dao were all beneath her feet. It seemed that since the start of time, she was the sole sovereign!

“It is her...” Even the most ancient existences sleeping underground were horrified to see this lady; it was as if they were back in that old era.

Back during that time, the nine worlds trembled and all the races worshiped her. No matter how strong one might be or how invincible their lineage was, they couldn't reach the apex in her presence. A flick of her finger was enough to destroy the eternal river of time!

The inhabitants of this world kneeled in great reverence. Her appearance made the situation even more terrifying. Three emperors and one lady forced everyone to kneel on the ground.

The lady was about to tear the ancestral ground to pieces, but the three unrivaled figures took action to suppress her. This level of pressure was unbelievably daunting and was capable of destroying stars or shattering the Stone Medicine World itself.

The lady remained unafraid against this pressure. She flipped her palm, causing myriad laws to bow down! There were only two words in this world that could describe her invincibility with the flip of her palm — Emperor Suppression!

Even if the emperors were in this world, this lady would still be able to suppress them. It was as if no one had ever been able to block her path!

The three figures didn't dare to take the initiative against this imperial suppression. They lifted their hands as three true treasures from the kingdom flew out into their grasp.

With the true treasures under their control, the might of these emperors reached the highest level. The entire world shook before their power as if it could collapse at any time.

"This is insane! Are they trying to destroy the entire world?!" Even the oldest existences were scared out of their wits while the rest of the world quivered.

"Is this a fight between emperors?" The people prostrating on the ground started to pray for this battle to not start. Its inception would result in the destruction of not just the Alchemy Kingdom, but the entire Alchemy Realm or even the whole world.

The lady flipped her palm once more and instantly grasped the entire ancestral vein. The endless worldly energy and essences all flowed towards her, allowing her to reach her peak state!

Despite having their true treasures, the three figures didn't dare to attack. The reason was very simple, the moment they attacked with their weapons, it wouldn't only hit the lady, but also destroy the ancestral vein! That would signal the end of the kingdom. Once

it escalated to this level, what was the point of winning or losing?

“Please spare the Alchemy Kingdom, my lord...” As the kingdom’s fate was hanging by a thread, an old figure appeared inside the endless light of the kingdom.

This old figure called towards Li Qiye, shaking Li Qiye to the core.

“My lord, please spare the Alchemy Kingdom.” This old figure continued to cry out and raised an item while kneeling on the ground.

Li Qiye’s expression relaxed after seeing the kneeling old figure and the item in his hands. Eventually, he softly sighed. Li Qiye felt a bit down; the seal inside his sea of memories slowly withdrew as his forehead closed.

“Nevermind, forgive them.” Li Qiye felt a bit emotional at this moment.

The lady in the far distance glanced at Li Qiye. He also looked back at her. When the two gazes met, it seemed that time itself traveled to the ancient past!

However, after tens of millions of years, everything had changed and all were gone!

Chapter 788: The Kingdom's Surrender

One glance as long as an eternity; millions of years passed in just a moment. The blue sea had turned into mulberry fields, and all were gone like dispersing smoke.

Back in those days, crying and smiling, losing in dark times yet still persistently treading forward, never admitting defeat until the apex, eternal invincibility... All of this had become meaningless.

Back in those days, during her moments of tears, he silently stood by her side. When she swept through myriad realms, he was a quiet companion.

Then one day when they stood at the peak with no opposition, the two of them broke apart the firmament and went their separate ways to never see each other again.

While gazing at the woman in the distance that was capable of causing the nine worlds to give birth to strange phenomena by materializing realms, Li Qiye was at a loss for words. The past was so far away and this world was a source of so much pain...

Regardless of the reason of how they became strangers from then on, Li Qiye tried not to pay it any mind. To him, time could grind away all things! Eventually, he gently sighed. There was no need for words; all was gone with the wind!

Inside Alchemy City were countless cultivators kneeling on the ground. Under the invincible auras, all were fearful. However,

many were still shocked to see the old figure kneeling inside the ancestral ground.

“He is...” A great existence from the distance saw the figure and murmured. Many disciples and masters from the kingdoms as well as ancestors were shaken while they continued to prostrate on the ground.

Eventually, Li Qiye gently nodded towards the woman as a greeting. No one could see her face, but it seemed that they were able to hear a soft sigh from the distant past.

The woman raised her palm to the sky. Before everyone could calm down, they were instantly transported out of Alchemy City. Both young cultivators and current ancestors lost control of their bodies in this process.

Such a development shocked everyone. Even Virtuous Paragons couldn't resist this forceful transfer. There were no portals, yet her slight gesture was enough to move all of them away.

The spectators in the city were not the only ones sent away, even Madam Zi Yan and Yuan Caihe were gone as well.

The woman disappeared at this time along with the three unrivaled figures from the ancestral ground.

Inside the ancestral ground, all echelons of disciples quietly stepped away. On the mountain was only an old, prostrating

figure.

Li Qiye stepped inside the ancestral ground and went towards the mountain where this old figure was located. This was an old man on the verge of death. It could be said that his lifespan was nearly depleted, having almost no time left.

He knelt there while raising something with both hands. It was a cauldron with an ordinary appearance. It resembled stone and metal but was made from neither.

“Hundred-Life, oh Hundred-Life, you keep on using this trick over and over again.” Sentiments rose in Li Qiye’s heart as he gently sighed while looking at the kneeling old man.

“My lord, you can call me Shi Qian.” The old man spoke sincerely. He acted as a junior before Li Qiye.

“It’s fine, I would rather call you Hundred-Life.” Li Qiye gently shook his head: “If my memory serves me correctly, you did this before back then when I wanted to destroy your kingdom.”

“I know.” The old man nodded earnestly: “My lord bestowed this cauldron to me and showed me great kindness. I have never forgotten this.”

“Okay, rise. You are old now, so there is no need to kneel.” Li Qiye sighed again: “I didn’t forgive your kingdom in the past because I gave you this cauldron. Today, I shall forgive your

kingdom once more, but it's also unrelated to this cauldron."

"Although I am one who cherishes old sentiments, this cauldron alone is not enough for me to value them this highly!" Li Qiye dismissively said: "I forgave the kingdom in the past and I shall do so again this time not because of this cauldron, but because of you! Because I trust and think highly of you."

The old man stood up and candidly spoke: "I will never forget my lord's kindness. If my lord didn't teach me back then, I would have no future."

"There is no need for this." Li Qiye waved his sleeve: "Gold will always shine no matter the location. I simply noticed that you were teachable, so I casually taught you a thing or two, that was all." Li Qiye looked at the old man and continued: "How much longer do you think you can live for? One or ten years? Or rather, how much longer can you be buried underground? Another generation, ten more, or one hundred more?"

The old man remained silent for a long time with no response.

Li Qiye lightly said: "You can protect the Alchemy Kingdom for one generation, but will you be able to protect it forever? For a million years, you struggled on in this manner! Yes, your kingdom is a behemoth so its group of geezers has become restless! Honestly, I don't mind, but do you really think that someone from this group of senile old men would be able to start a reform like Immortal Emperor Bi Shi?"

The old man eventually composed himself and gently sighed to say: “My lord, in the end, I am old with not much time left. Being buried underground is the only method for me to survive, so after many generations, I have not been able to contribute to my people.”

“So you didn’t mind wasting an incalculable amount of essences and treasures of the kingdom to allow Ming Yexue to come into being?” Li Qiye smiled.

The old man wryly smiled: “Whether or not Yexue can become an Immortal Emperor is not important to me. I only hope for her to be like Forefather Bi Shi and bring about change to the Alchemy Kingdom, another reformation!”

“Yexue belongs to me. I always had confidence in her. If I was not here in this generation, then she would surely become the Immortal Emperor. However, I am here, so I shall take her away to the place where Immortal Emperors should go!” Li Qiye uttered.

“I’m too old and won’t have the chance to go take a look.” The old man was dejected and sighed in disappointment.

Li Qiye shook his head and smiled: “I hold you in high regard even now. You had the ability to become the Immortal Emperor back then. Alas, you were born in the wrong era. To be in the same generation as Hong Tian is a predestined tragedy. Even someone with peerless talents back then didn’t have a chance.”

“No one could do anything during the overwhelming era of the

Empress.” The old man said: “Although I competed for the Heaven’s Will with the Empress, I lost convincingly. Even if the Empress didn’t claim the throne to suppress myriad realms, no one would have been able to overcome her during that era anyway.” His expression turned into one of admiration after saying this.

“Unfortunately, the Alchemy Kingdom did not have the same thoughts as you!” Li Qiye commented: “Otherwise, I wouldn’t have let Hong Tian suppress your kingdom for an eternity!”

The old man smiled bitterly, and a long silence ensued. If Li Qiye didn’t show mercy back then, the kingdom would have ceased to exist. This was something he would always remember.

Li Qiye looked at the ancestral ground and slowly said: “I have not set foot on this land for a long time, let us take a look.”

The old man did not object and immediately went with Li Qiye to enjoy the beautiful sceneries.

This place had been split apart earlier, but it was perfect once more without any signs of damage. Even the shattered earth had recovered in just a short period of time.

This was the magical property of this land that hid the Alchemy Vein. Although the kingdom’s ancestral ground was not the source of the vein, Immortal Emperor Yao Zu used a great method to connect this place to the Alchemy Vein so that the kingdom could enjoy the focused essence of this world.

Although it was far from being comparable to the source, it was already incredible. It was difficult for the kingdom to not become powerful when it occupied such a location!

Sacred Springs were overflowing as they walked throughout this land. One could see treasure grasses in every corner and spirit birds soaring in the sky. One could be sure that there were divine turtles diving to the bottom of the rivers...

It was a peaceful and holy land. Anyone would be overwhelmed with greed after seeing this priceless earth. Treasures were everywhere along with bountiful spirit medicines. Herbs that eluded the world were abundant in this land!

The old man took Li Qiye everywhere to view the ancestral ground's beauty while the kingdom's disciples quickly hid without daring to come out. Even its ancestors didn't dare to breathe loudly at this moment.

No one was stronger than this old man before them. The majority of the ancestors in the kingdom were only juniors to him! All of them held him with reverence. Even Ancestor Wushuang, who was older than this old man, was very respectful to him.

Only the ancestor level characters knew about this old man's earth-shattering identity. Very few people in this world even knew that he was still alive.

If outsiders knew about his identity, they would be frightened breathless or even scared to death.

The other ancestors were trembling in fear. When even their forefather kneeled down, they wouldn't dare to oppose Li Qiye any longer. Among them, only two of the oldest ones knew what was going on.

They thought about the past and grew even more fearful. They commanded that no one bother the forefather and Li Qiye. Any who watched or listened without permission was to be killed without exception. They understood that their kingdom had finally provoked a legendary taboo just like back then when the kingdom faced complete destruction!

Chapter 789: Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor

After knowing Li Qiye's real identity, the two old ancestors were distressed. They secretly prayed and hoped that Li Qiye would forgive the Alchemy Kingdom out of consideration for their forefather. Otherwise, the kingdom would have to face an existential crisis...

The old man and Li Qiye continued to appreciate the ancestral ground in tranquility. Only the two of them were slowly strolling across this land.

In the Alchemy Kingdom, this old man was the strongest existence, and only Ancestor Wushuang was older than him.

No one knew his real name, but the title Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor absolutely reverberated across the entire Stone Medicine World and even all nine worlds.

In that era, the Hundred Life Alchemy Emperor was considered an existence that could become the second Immortal Emperor Yao Zu, a person who was both an Immortal Emperor and an Alchemy Emperor!

Alas, he was born in the same generation as Empress Hong Tian. The tragedy was predestined, so he ultimately couldn't become the Immortal Emperor.

Back in that era, many viewed him with high chances of becoming the emperor. However, in the battle for the Heaven's Will, he was utterly defeated by Empress Hong Tian and lost his chance from then on.

Of course, the world did not know that at an even earlier time when he was a very young teen, he had met Li Qiye in his Dark Crow form!

The Dark Crow at that time truly valued the alchemy emperor. He had the highest aptitude regarding the dao of alchemy, as if he was born for this path. Li Qiye gifted him a cauldron and taught him some alchemy as well. Later on, for a plethora of reasons, Li Qiye left the Stone Medicine World.

By chance, the Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor joined the Alchemy Kingdom and became its disciple. His cultivation soared after this, and he eventually became its main descendant. During this period, he enjoyed illustrious fame as a genius.

Later on, he became an Emperor Candidate and fought against Hong Tian. The rest of the story was already told.

This defeat perhaps was not a bad thing for the alchemy emperor. After leaving the battle for the Heaven's Will, he focused on the dao of alchemy to eventually become an extraordinary alchemy emperor. Some even said that in the dao of alchemy, he was definitely comparable to the Alchemy Kingdom's progenitor, Immortal Emperor Yao Zu.

He created many miracles for the dao of alchemy as an emperor and was praised by the nine worlds as its supreme alchemist. A very long time later, he disappeared from the world.

Future generations all thought that he had died, but a very few knew that he was still alive and was buried in the deepest parts of the kingdom, never to show himself again. Even the kingdom's disciples didn't know that they still had a living alchemy emperor.

Only ancestor-level characters knew that they still had an Alchemy Emperor who was also an Emperor Candidate!

An Emperor Candidate was an existence recognized by the Heaven's Will. The path of the grand era had Godkings while the equivalent of this on the path of the heavens were Emperor Candidates!

Eventually, the Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor and Li Qiye climbed to the highest peak of the ancestral ground to gaze at a distant location. However, that area was engulfed in worldly essence and endless laws, so no one could see through it.

After a looking at it for a while, Li Qiye emotionally uttered: "The three vein sources... Numerous invincible existences had wanted to understand their origins and mysteries throughout the years, but how many were successful?"

"My lord knows more about the three sources than anyone else in this world." The Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor replied. This was not mere flattery but the simple truth.

Li Qiye only smiled and didn't deny this claim: "I will definitely take a trip there in this generation!" His eyes narrowed after saying this.

"My lord has regained your body in this generation, so you will be able to create an eternal legend." The alchemy emperor sighed disappointedly: "Alas, I am old and won't be able to go, or else I would follow you by your side."

Someone as capable as the emperor had used all kinds of means to increase his lifespan, including immortal medicines. To increase the longevity of someone of his level was harder than reaching for the heavens.

Li Qiye continued to gaze at the farthest area and was lost in silence as if immersed in old memories.

After a while, the alchemy emperor softly said: "My lord, you will definitely go to that place in the future."

"Yes, I will go there again!" Li Qiye spoke solemnly: "The Black Dragon King paid a huge price for me to regain this bag of skin. If I don't go to that place, then it would all be for naught. I will sweep through that place in this generation and suppress the heavens!"

The alchemy emperor dejectedly sighed once more: "The Black Dragon King suddenly headed for battle and invaded the Immortal Demon Grotto back then. The battle came too suddenly. Once I found out about it, it was already over so I couldn't lend him a

hand.”

“After going to that place, I will personally visit the grotto. All things should come to an end.” Li Qiye awe-inspiringly spoke.

“On the day of my lord’s assault on the grotto, just send the command and I shall answer your call!” The emperor spoke sonorously.

He always kept his debt to Li Qiye in his mind. He was never given the chance to repay it, so he was determined to do so in this generation.

“If necessary, I will let you know.” Li Qiye gently nodded.

After a long silence, the emperor asked: “Back then when you two went your separate ways, the empress once came back to the Stone Medicine World. My lord should know as well; although the empress is very proud, she still never forgot about you.”

Only the Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor would dare to say something like this in front of Li Qiye. Ordinary people wouldn’t have the courage, but of course, ordinary people wouldn’t have the opportunity to know this inside story either.

“I know, I didn’t come back to the Stone Medicine World later on because I didn’t want to see her.” Sadness filled his heart as Li Qiye gently sighed: “Hong Tian wanted to see me before departing, but she...”

He couldn't help but become melancholic. This memory had been covered in dust for many years now: "She is a stubborn child. She didn't give up even at the very end..."

"My lord has laboriously worked for the nine worlds." The emperor became wistful as well. Others didn't know about Li Qiye's tales, but he knew quite a few things.

"This is still a world under my protection." Li Qiye said with a hint of forlorn in his voice: "Hong Tian was not going to give in, and I would never nod my head either. A meeting would just result in another fight, so what's the point? For me, Min Ren, Hong Tian, and even Qian Li and Lil' Blacky, they were all disciples personally groomed by me. They were talented with unique personalities and emotions. I trained them for my sake, but I also hoped that they could grow up to become invincible..."

"If I was there by his side, I wouldn't want Lil' Blacky to do as he did." Li Qiye's expression dimmed.

"Those in this world who know about my lord all think that you are the dark hand across the eons, but who actually knows about your sacrifices and what you've abandoned after millions of years?" The emperor lamented.

"The world's view of me is not important." Li Qiye nonchalantly said: "I want those by my side to walk on an extraordinary path. The world thinks that becoming an Immortal Emperor is the final destination, but in my eyes, it is only the beginning of the

journey.”

“My lord must have considered this issue when you didn’t meet the Empress back then as well.” The emperor responded.

“Hong Tian had always been stubborn, so I hope that she has given up on that idea.” Li Qiye smiled bitterly: “Although I didn’t see her journey with my own eyes, I know that she will keep on being amazing. She’s an incomparable girl!”

The emperor didn’t say anything back and only stood there by Li Qiye’s side.

Li Qiye glanced over the land that so many coveted and dismissively said: “Your Alchemy Kingdom occupies such a good place. It is understandable that pride and arrogance eventually surfaced.”

The emperor wryly smiled in response: “The younger generation does not know the immensity of the heaven and earth. They think that the moment they show themselves, they would be able to sweep through the nine worlds. Regarding our kingdom violating the oath of past, I will give my lord an acceptable answer.”

“Hundred-Life.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: “To be blunt, do I really care about their mischief? At best, it is only a pebble in the river of time that continues to flow. For me, those who block my path shall be killed without mercy!

“If your kingdom continues to choose not to comply with the oath of past, then how long do you think it can last? Bing Yu, Ming Du, Qian Li and the others... The moment your kingdom tried to do anything back then, it would have met one of them! At that point, it would be completely annihilated! Even if you continue to live, Hundred-Life, how many more times can you plead to me, and how many more times will I choose to forgive your Alchemy Kingdom?”

Li Qiye looked at the Alchemy Emperor at his side before continuing: “This land has made many people drool in greed for countless years now! These words might be difficult to hear right now, but I did want to let my people build an eternal foundation on this land. However, I didn’t carry this thought out. The first reason is back then, your group of old geezers was a bit sensible. The other was out of consideration for you, so I didn’t attack your kingdom.”

“My lord, I understand.” The emperor smiled bitterly: “After a long period of reclusion, the juniors felt that they had accumulated sufficient strength to sweep through the nine worlds. They have never seen your hallowed aura engulfing the nine worlds or your god-slaying miracles.”

“Hundred-Life.” Li Qiye wistfully responded: “I won’t bother with dealing the punishment this time. You don’t have much time left, so use it wisely to reform your kingdom. Otherwise, I won’t be so considerate the next time the kingdom gets in my way.”

Chapter 790: The Curtain Falls

The alchemy emperor consented: “I will pass the lineage down to Yexue and hope that she will be able to grasp the kingdom to bring about a new administration. Perhaps in the future, it will be a brand new Alchemy Kingdom.”

“I can give you time.” Li Qiye glanced at the alchemy emperor: “But in the future when I pave the way, I will take Yexue with me. Because of this, you must be decisive lest internal turmoil become a problem. When that time comes, don’t blame me for not giving you sufficient time.”

The alchemy emperor breathed in deeply and gently nodded: “My life is nearly over. I won’t be able to hold on for much longer, so I will pass on my legacy to Yexue in this generation. I have already planned to reform the kingdom. Recently, during my previous meditation session, I have solved some mysteries and was able to recover some vitality, thus I have decided to come into being for this generation!”

“Do a good job of preparing for the future.” Li Qiye gently sighed as well. If the alchemy emperor chose to not be buried in this generation, then this meant that he would die from old age. It was difficult to say how much longer he would live for. This came down to his own willpower.

His acquaintances and those who stood by his side left one by one under the merciless flow of time. Nevertheless, time was able to grind away all pain. Li Qiye had grown accustomed to the numbness. No one was truly immortal in the endless river of time.

The alchemy emperor went silent as well. As an Alchemy Emperor, he was able to increase his own lifespan many times. However, a person must eventually taste death; there is no chance for rebirth. He couldn't elude death, no one could. However, he was prepared to face his own mortality when the time comes. It was just a matter of time.

“There is one thing that you need to prepare for. I want to enter the Drystone Courtyard to reach the land of origin.” Li Qiye spoke after a moment of silence. He glanced towards the far depths of the Alchemy Vein once more. That place was full of mysteries and unknowns.

“My lord has that item now?” The alchemy emperor followed his gaze as well.

Li Qiye gently shook his head: “I'm only going there to take a look. It is only to test a theory of mine and requires me to personally go there for verification. As for entering the origins of the three veins, I'll come up with a way when the time comes.”

The Alchemy Vein's land of origin was also known the three veins' origin. This was because there were three ancestral veins in the Stone Medicine World: the Alchemy Vein, the Beast Vein, and the Stone Vein. They were the reason why this world turned into three realms.

Rumor has it that the mysticisms and amazing essences from the three veins all came from the same location. However, this

location had remained a mystery all the way until now.

For millions of years, powerful existences had tried to find it by rigorously searching the three veins. However, few were successful. Even Immortal Emperors were not necessarily able to enter the origin of the three veins. No one knew where this land full of mysteries and surprises was located or what was waiting within.

“I will make preparations, my lord.” The alchemy emperor nodded: “However, my lord should be aware that although we have a shortcut straight to the Drystone Courtyard, its success rate is very low even for our Immortal Emperors. I can’t guarantee anything either, so my lord should be prepared for failure.”

“I know, but it is still worth a shot. Failure doesn’t matter, I still have other methods.” Li Qiye agreed.

Outside of the ancestral ground were spectators shocked from the forceful teleportation. Many people realized that it was an incredible technique that belonged only to Immortal Emperors.

However, one didn’t exist in present times. The majority of them speculated that this was something an emperor left behind during their own era. Of course, no one knew the exact details.

One day passed. Those who were more daring returned to Alchemy City. People were still anxious with trepidation because one misstep could result in death.

The first arrivals heaved sighs of relief. Nothing had happened and the city looked the same. When they gazed towards the ancestral ground in the far distance, it remained tranquil and still; there were no signs of a big event occurring.

The crowd grew curious as to what the ending of this storm was. How would Li Qiye and the kingdom's feud conclude?

Although everyone wanted an answer, it remained a mystery. No one dared to pry into it for fear of both the kingdom and Li Qiye. They didn't want to get in trouble with either party.

Another big question was Li Qiye's background. Why was it that he had such methods and incredible techniques?!

With the conclusion of this battle, he was the reason why people quivered; he was the one who left many questions in their minds. Who knew how he had such heaven-defying means? The world didn't even know of his true strength.

Ever since his first appearance, no one had seen him personally take action. Until now, he was able to smilingly destroy all his enemies without even lifting a finger.

And so, numerous discussions rose around this focal point. Many sects wondered about his cultivation. Some speculated that it had reached an unfathomable level.

There were also those who thought that Li Qiye's cultivation was

ordinary and that he relied on a supreme dao of alchemy to control all things, including the heaven and earth. This allowed him to have many different methods, such as wood mastery and insect mastery... Many had witnessed these two wondrous techniques with their own eyes.

This speculation was very popular since the techniques from the dao of alchemy exceeded their imagination.

Both his admirers and even some haters, especially the alchemists, hoped that Li Qiye would reach the peak and become an Alchemy Emperor. Many alchemists considered Li Qiye to be their pride, their aspiration!

Although alchemists had always been well-respected in the Stone Medicine World, there was a notion that alchemists had inferior battle capabilities. This made many alchemists quite unhappy.

Despite having many techniques, an alchemist's true power could only be exerted once they were at the legendary level! However, once they reached this level, there was no need for the alchemist to personally take action since their words were able to rally great support! To the chagrin of this group, this only further exacerbated the misconception of weak alchemists. However, Li Qiye's showing of his supreme alchemy techniques before the world proved that alchemists could sweep through all things.

The alchemists became excited because of this, so they viewed Li Qiye as their pride and hoped that he could become an emperor. They hope to see their new Alchemy Emperor rampaging through the nine worlds in the future! This would be the most glorious

event for all alchemists.

Many people in the present felt that Li Qiye was definitely going to become an Alchemy Emperor. Although the time it took him to rise to fame had been short, they held him in high regard.

In this world, the best candidates for this position were the four prodigies. However, Cao Guoyao and the White Hair Alchemy God had lost to Li Qiye and died in the end. As for the other two, Yuan Caihe did not compete with the world and had no ambition for the throne while the Alchemy Kingdom's Mu Qiao was even more reclusive. Plus, rumor has it that he was only good at physique paste refinement.

Thus, the new consensus was that Li Qiye was the new Alchemy Emperor of this generation. After the conflict, Li Qiye had become the newest star in the Alchemy Kingdom in just one night. His quick ascent allowed him to directly catch up to the number one in the Stone Medicine World — Ye Qingcheng!

“If Ye Qingcheng is to become the Immortal Emperor of this generation, then Li Qiye will surely become the Alchemy Emperor!” Someone made this claim regarding Li Qiye's future. This made his fame even more prominent and widespread!

Others from different areas also came for questions after Alchemy City calmed. However, the ancestral ground remained quiet. Li Qiye did not show himself, so no one dared to inquire about the end of this conflict.

However, there was finally good news after just a few short days. The kingdom's people finally showed themselves. The anticipated alchemy conference had finally begun!

The conference's organizers consisted of the kingdom's nobles with the Observant Monarch as the chief executive. Besides the judges from the great powers, the Alchemy Kingdom also sent an elder to preside over the conference.

This news was a breath of relief. The issue between Li Qiye and the kingdom was no longer important; the start of the conference meant that at the very least, this conflict was finally over.

Although some people wanted to see even more excitement, they recalled the time when the auras of Immortal Emperors erupted. Their ferocious battle caused them to jitter in fear. After personally experiencing that destructive peril, no one wanted another battle to take place. If it did come down to another battle of this caliber, the entire kingdom might sink and cause the Alchemy Realm to collapse. Should this happen, the entire world would be affected as well. No one wished to see such a catastrophe.

Chapter 791: Tie Yi's Great Mission

Regardless of the conclusion to the conflict, this was good news to many people. They no longer had to be afraid and tremble in fear.

Another piece of good news came, especially for the young alchemists participating in the conference. Li Qiye would not be participating!

This news instantly caused a furor. Rounds of applause spontaneously echoed within the city. Some were so excited that they couldn't even sleep at night.

“Haha, hooray!” A young alchemist cheered in excitement: “You know, I suddenly feel that a fierce person like Li Qiye can be very cute at times. At least a badass like him will not be competing with us this time, so cute.”

How could the young alchemists not rejoice? Prior to this, there was no chance for them to shine. Although Yuan Caihe and Mu Qiao weren't going to participate, the white hair alchemist and Cao Guoyao prevented others from thinking about first and second place.

As for third place, many people believed that the other disciples from the Bailian Clan or the State of Cao would seize this spot on the podium. However, with the passing of this storm, Cao Guoyao and the white hair alchemist were dead, and the disciples of their two respective sects had left as well. Now, Li Qiye who had the best

chance of winning first place withdrew from the conference as well. As a result, the top three places of the conference immediately changed. The chance for potential upsets caused the other participants to drown in happiness.

The reason for Li Qiye's withdrawal was very simple. The Alchemy Kingdom had given him the item that Madam Zi Yan needed. As for Li Qiye himself, he was too lazy to compete against the other alchemists. Since there was no need for any items, Li Qiye withdrew from the conference right away.

He stayed behind in the ancestral ground as its most prestigious guest; the madam's group accompanied him there as well.

The happiest of them all was Tie Yi because Li Qiye's Heaven Restoration Salve had successfully cured his old wound. The wound that had tortured him for such a long time was finally gone, so how could he not become excited?

Tie Yi was recovering in the ancestral ground. For the kingdom, whether he was Black Fox or not was no longer important. Of course, with Li Qiye's command, Tie Yi also handed a few things over and became very obedient. He didn't dare to do any sneaky business.

After the successful recovery, Li Qiye called for Tie Yi. Tie Yi prostrated down on the ground and gratefully said: "Young Noble has given me a new life. If you ever need my service, just let me know anytime."

“Rise, I didn’t save you because you are a Virtuous Paragon.” Li Qiye glanced at him and lightly said: “I saved you because of the Celestial Peak Divine School!”

“Young Noble knows my origin?” Tie Yi was startled after hearing this. His origin had always been a secret unknown to the world, but Li Qiye had casually revealed it just now.

“Perhaps the world does not recognize your footwork, but it cannot elude my eyes.” Li Qiye calmly said: “This movement technique was created by the Godking Progenitor of the divine school! This is no secret to me.”

Tie Yi bowed once more and spoke candidly: “Correct, Young Noble. My lineage indeed came from one part of the divine school’s great techniques. My maternal ancestor was a descendant from the school. However, for us, the school is a thing of the past. My maternal side is now merely ordinary mortals.” Tie Yi paused for a bit at this point before continuing: “When I was young, I aspired to learn more about the divine school and its past. I traveled to many places as a result. It wasn’t until quite a while later that I was able to obtain part of the divine school’s legacy out of sheer luck. From then on, I began my path of cultivation.”

“So you stole the treasures from the big sects in order to revive the divine school.” Li Qiye flatly said.

Tie Yi couldn’t help but cough and awkwardly respond: “My thoughts back then were very simple. I wanted to revive the school, but I didn’t have any treasures or weapons. However, my movement technique was supreme, so I came up with this idea.

However, my experience was shallow and I was lacking in cleverness. After stealing a few different treasures, I realized that reviving the school was impossible.”

“Even if I rebuilt it, the day my identity inevitably gets exposed would be the day a disaster strikes the new divine school. Later on, I was wounded by the ancestors of the Alchemy Kingdom. This injury continued to haunt me, so I lost the ability to revive the school, thus having no choice but to give up on this goal.” After revealing this, he slowly revealed a bashful expression.

“It is all in the past, just let it go. Even if you rebuild the school, it will not be the same as before.” Li Qiye gently shook his head.

Tie Yi softly sighed as well: “Young Noble is right. I understood this rationale later on. I was just young back then and wanted to rekindle my ancestor’s glory, that’s all.”

Li Qiye looked over Tie Yi for a long time before putting on a solemn expression: “Tie Yi, tell me, are you worthy of my trust?”

Tie Yi immediately prostrated on the ground and spoke with deference: “Young Noble just needs to give the command. No matter what it may be, I shall carry it out!”

“Very well.” Li Qiye nodded: “First, I need to see the divine school’s techniques in your possession, then I shall pass you the complete legacy of the school!”

Tie Yi was stunned after hearing this. All the techniques of the school had been lost for a very long time, and he only had a few of them! But now, his Young Noble was saying that he could pass down the entire legacy to him!

Of course, Tie Yi wouldn't be able to know the secrets in this matter, and Li Qiye wouldn't tell him either.

“Second, I need you to do something for me. It is no easy task.” Li Qiye's expression was both dignified and serious at this moment!

This was Tie Yi's first time seeing an expression this serious from Li Qiye. He took a deep breath and became austere as well: “I will not let you down!”

“This matter requires patience since it is a long-term safeguard. I trust that you can do it.” Li Qiye slightly nodded and slowly took out an item that he placed on the table: “When the time comes, release this item into the world and let it be passed down! You don't need to worry about the trouble it will cause. Wait for its selection, that will be when your guarding duty begins. Remember, your protection must be in secret!” He told Tie Yi more details afterward.

After receiving the instructions, Tie Yi carefully put away this item and solemnly promised: “Rest assured, Young Noble, I'll keep watch over this item even till the very last second of my life!”

Li Qiye said slowly: “With your lifespan, you can still live on for a long time. However, I do not know how long this mission will last,

so I won't mistreat you, I will let you live for a very long time."

With that, he took out more treasures. Immortal Writ, Longevity Fruit, leaves from the Immortal Injury Peony... Many rare and precious treasures showed themselves on the table.

Tie Yi was shocked to see these items. They were all unrivaled items that would incite boundless greed from the world.

"Young Noble, you have given me rebirth, a kindness no less than my own parents. These immortal items are priceless treasures. This lowly one does not dare to take them." Tie Yi solemnly said.

Li Qiye slightly waved his sleeve: "This is the reward for your watch. Me saving your life is an entirely different matter! Carefully store these items since you will naturally need them later."

"When the time comes, send the message out for me." Li Qiye said: "At that time, no one will know where you are or who you are or if you even exist. You are neither Tie Yi nor Black Fox, you are an existence that does not exist, understand?"

Tie Yi took a deep breath and heavily said: "I will remember all your words and will not disappoint your trust."

Li Qiye nodded again: "Go and get ready. I will let you know when it is time to leave."

Tie Yi bowed once more to Li Qiye before disappearing without a trace. It was just as Li Qiye had said, in the future, he shall become an existence that does not exist!

Time passed by quickly. Eventually, Tie Yi left under Li Qiye's command while shouldering a heavy responsibility. He immediately disappeared among the vast sea of people, and from then on, the world no longer saw his shadow.

There was no longer Tie Yi or the illustrious Black Fox. Both had truly disappeared in a sense. This silent existence amidst the crowd would now carry Li Qiye's entrustment and act as the protector! Just like Tie Yi had said, he would carry out this mission even till his very last breath and very last second of his being.

No one knew what he was watching over. They didn't even know that an unnamed existence was protecting one of the biggest mysteries in the endless river of time. He was guarding a secret regarding an ancient age, a secret that even the high heavens was after! No one knew how long this watch would last or how it would eventually end.

Chapter 792: Blood Writ

While Li Qiye was staying in the ancestral ground, many great changes had taken place within a short period of time within the kingdom. The Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor began a radical reformation.

As the strongest ancestor and the most authoritative figure, the emperor had the power to change the path of the kingdom. Moreover, his actions had also earned the support of Ancestor Wushuang, the oldest being and the second most powerful existence in the kingdom. Both of them knew that they didn't have much time left to carry out these necessary changes.

In the alchemy emperor's eyes, this reformation must be done. Even the Blood Era Stones would not be able to seal him for long. Even the best stones would not be able to halt the erosion of time when he was too powerful. Moreover, he had chosen a successor for this generation who was peerless in both intelligence and background. The chosen Ming Yexue would be able to lead the kingdom to a new prosperous future.

Most importantly, Ming Yexue would follow Li Qiye in the future — this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the kingdom! No matter when and no matter what happens, as long as Ming Yexue was still alive, Li Qiye would care about the kingdom!

This was the best opportunity for the kingdom. Prior to this, they would have either been destroyed by Li Qiye or suffered internal separation till the point of collapse. Thus, the alchemy emperor's current actions were to give the kingdom a chance at revival.

However, this process would be costly and arduous.

Nevertheless, the alchemy emperor was going to proceed at any cost. He came into being to personally take over the kingdom in order to give it a second chance!

During this reformation, Yuan Caihe who was a respected guest was planning to leave. She met Li Qiye and said: “Big Brother, you have met your goal this time. Although you didn’t participate in the conference, you are the uncrowned king of the younger generation of alchemists.”

“You want to leave?” Li Qiye looked at her and gently nodded. He had been recasting the Phoenix recently and didn’t have the opportunity to talk with her.

She nodded: “Yes, Big Brother. I have been away from the Serene Garden for a while now, so I wish to go back. I hope that you will come and see me when you have time.”

“You should stay here for a little bit longer. I have many things about the dao of alchemy that I want to pass down to you.” Li Qiye said softly.

He really liked Yuan Caihe for her calm and gentle personality. It gave him a warm feeling. Because of this, he wanted to pass down the Alchemy God’s legacy.

Yuan Caihe was in a slight dilemma. She calmed down and had to

say: “Big Brother, your alchemy legacy is priceless across the ages. I am not one of your people, so this doesn’t feel right.”

One must know that Li Qiye’s dao of alchemy was supreme. Any person or sect would want it. If it was someone else, they would be ecstatic after hearing such a good offer.

However, it was different for Yuan Caihe. She was a calm and uncompetitive person, without greed. At the same time, she also knew that whoever inherited this dao would have to shoulder an even greater responsibility.

“Little Sister, I trust you.” Li Qiye said: “The dao of alchemy is only a branch on the great path for me. My ambition does not lie there, so whether I become an Alchemy Emperor or not doesn’t matter. Alchemy is more of a hobby to me.”

“However, I do not wish for this supreme dao of alchemy to be lost. Nevertheless, finding someone suitable and worthy of my trust in this world is very difficult.” Li Qiye gently sighed here: “This is what Big Brother wants to entrust to you, to keep on passing down this legacy! Your Serene Garden is not that far from Giant Bamboo, so in the future, I will let it protect your sect.”

Yuan Caihe hesitated for a moment before replying: “I’m afraid I will let down Big Brother’s trust. I know my own talents the best, I am only good at plant cultivation. I really can’t say I have any talent regarding pill refinement.”

“You have been very good at mixing medicines. Remember,

didn't you do a great job at refining the salve for Tie Yi?" Li Qiye smiled: "How can you know that it is impossible without trying? Plus, I'm not asking for you to be renowned in this world. I only hope that in the future, this legacy can continue to be passed down to suitable candidates."

Yuan Caihe finally agreed and gently nodded: "Since Big Brother thinks so highly of me, I will have to try my best. As for future accomplishments, we'll let time tell the tale."

Li Qiye smiled at her open-mindedness then said: "I have also finished recasting the Phoenix. While I still have some free time in the next couple of days, I will pass on the important points to you."

Later on, Li Qiye passed down his alchemy dao to her. Although she was not a competitive person, she was certainly brilliant, allowing her to learn very quickly.

Time seemed to slow down for Li Qiye as he was imparting his legacy to Yuan Caihe. Her tranquil nature seemed to have affected him as well, allowing him to feel peace.

For Li Qiye, his had been a path of carnage from the ancient past till now. His endless journey was filled with inevitable conflicts. But now, this ephemeral period of peace was a time for him to rest.

After a full reform initiated by the Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor, the leaders of this conflict — outside of the three dead God-Monarchs — were all sent before Li Qiye.

“My lord, deal with these unfilial children as you wish.” The alchemy emperor brought these ancestors to Li Qiye.

At this time, the ancestors kneeling on the ground included Virtuous Paragons, legendary masters, eternal existences, and even God-Monarchs. They initially wanted to use this opportunity to move their army, but they didn't expect to have hit a steel wall.

The ancestors were pleading guilty with their heads down. In this war, their kingdom had completely lost. It was either the kingdom's destruction or them pleading guilty; they only truly had the one choice!

“No one can escape from ambition.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head while gazing at the ancestors: “To tell the truth, I didn't mind that all of you broke the vow of past. However, if I don't raise my blade against those who attempt to kill me, then it will seem like I am too merciful.”

The Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor could only lament with a sigh. This was already the second time the kingdom had been forgiven by Li Qiye. In the past, even if Empress Hong Tian didn't destroy the kingdom, the army under Li Qiye could have trampled over the kingdom all the same. Just imagine, even a powerful and invincible force like the Divine Beast Realm was destroyed under the steel-hooves of his cavalry, let alone their kingdom!

The alchemy emperor couldn't ask for Li Qiye to forgive the ancestors. It was just as Li Qiye had said, how many more times could he try to beseech Li Qiye? Forgiving the kingdom twice out of past emotions was already extremely considerate!

The pleading ancestors had no other choice at this time. If they didn't do so and caused the demise of the kingdom, then they would be eternal sinners of the kingdom.

"Hundred-Life, you don't need to sigh." Li Qiye glanced at the emperor and said: "I have already forgiven your kingdom. Do you still think that I will wash my hands with these juniors' blood?"

"Thank you for your forgiveness, my lord." The alchemy emperor quickly rejoiced and bowed after hearing this.

Li Qiye waved his sleeve: "Don't be so quick to thank me. Although I won't bother washing my hands with their blood, there will be consequences. All of you need to exert yourself since I require the Heavenly Annihilations of three Immortal Emperor True Treasures! Afterward, all of you shall be sealed and buried underground. I do not want to see any of you again. Do not come out until your kingdom faces possible extinction!"

"We thank his lordship!" The alchemy emperor happily commanded the ancestors.

These ancestors were ready to die when they came here. For the sake of the kingdom, they would hold no grievances even if Li Qiye killed them. However, they didn't expect to be spared.

These kneeling ancestors felt no shame for prostrating before Li Qiye. Even their forefather was only a junior before him, they were more like great great grand disciples!

“Take out the blood oath of past!” At this time, Li Qiye commanded the alchemy emperor.

After hearing this, the alchemy emperor was aghast while the other ancestors turned completely pale. One of the ancestors pleaded: “It is due to our ignorance that we violated the oath. My lord, please punish us...”

Li Qiye interrupted him and dismissively said: “If I wanted to destroy your kingdom, do you think you would still have the chance to kneel here? I only need to activate the blood oath and a disaster will instantly befall your kingdom.”

The ancestors didn’t dare to say anything. This blood oath was the result of their defeat in that year. Eventually, the emperor took out the blood oath. This was a blood writ crafted from countless drops of longevity blood. On top of it were many brandings of true fate vows. This seal involved the entire ancestral vein and the emperor foundations of the kingdom. There were invincible emperor universal laws protecting this seal along with the enchantments from many Godking generals!

Lastly, at the very top was a slender mudra. It seemed to be able to pierce through time itself and suppress the eras. Not even emperors were able to escape its power!

The ancestors felt a suffocating sensation after seeing the blood oath. They uncontrollably quivered at its sight. This was the legendary dark hand, the Commander-in-Chief that suppressed

their kingdom with his invincible army along with Empress Hong Tian!

“Buzz—” Li Qiye’s forehead opened. The most profound seal in this world emerged from his endless sea of memories. A ray of light fell onto the blood seal, causing a universal law to disperse. The blood writ grew slightly dimmer.

Chapter 793: Ming Yexue's Secret Identity

After seeing this scene, not just the emperor, but even the ancestors couldn't believe it because Li Qiye's was removing a clause of the blood oath from the past!

This blood oath could be said to have trapped them through the long years. They had no choice but to live reclusively without being able to compete and sweep through the world!

They wanted to somehow break this oath, but no one expected for Li Qiye to dispel it without any conditions.

"I am making an exception to remove one of the blood oaths. From now on, your kingdom can come out again. However, the remaining suppressions remain. If your kingdom wants me to remove the blood writ completely, then that will depend on your showing in this generation." Li Qiye slowly uttered.

"My lord..." Even the alchemy emperor was shocked. He didn't expect for Li Qiye to not only forgive his juniors, but also mercifully remove one of the clauses from the past.

After the first war, the Divine Beast Realm was obliterated and their kingdom suffered utter defeat. Under the invincible army and the unbeatable Empress Hong Tian, their kingdom could have become the second Divine Beast Realm at any time.

However, the Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor's pleading convinced Li Qiye to forgive their kingdom out of old sentiments.

Eventually, the kingdom was imprisoned and had to form this eternal blood oath. That was the only way for their lineage to continue.

The other ancestors were in disbelief and at a loss for words as well. They didn't know what to say. This was not only showing mercy but also kindness to their kingdom!

“There is no need to thank me. If you have to thank someone, then go show your gratitude to Yexue.” Li Qiye said indifferently: “I only dispelled this clause to prepare for Yexue's future. This is also to give your kingdom a way out. I hope that you all will not disappoint me again. Otherwise, I won't bother to care about your kingdom's fate later on!”

The alchemy emperor and the other ancestors bowed deeply. It could be said that Li Qiye was more than generous to their kingdom.

Li Qiye finished dealing with the kingdom while Ming Yexue began to take its reins. She was someone with great wisdom, so her ruling the kingdom was quite trivial. Moreover, with the Alchemy Emperor behind her, all issues were easily dealt with. This allowed for the kingdom to usher forth a new beginning.

“I want to know about some matters.” After dealing with the kingdom's affairs, Ming Yexue finally came to see Li Qiye during her spare time.

She was still peerless and beautiful as always. The number one

beauty of the Stone Medicine World would always be intoxicating no matter the occasion.

“You should already know what you want to know. I trust that Hundred-Life has talked to you about the past.” Li Qiye chuckled while looking at her.

Ming Yexue slightly frowned. Even her frown was beautiful and would cause others to feel pain due to her discomfort.

“I want to know about my origin. The forefather didn’t tell me about it.” Ming Yexue said.

Li Qiye looked at her for a while before gently patting his lap and saying: “Have a seat.”

Ming Yexue was caught off guard. This gesture — to any woman — would be considered quite disrespectful, let alone a beauty like her.

However, instead of reacting with fiery rage like other girls, the smart Ming Yexue remained calm and slowly walked over to sit on his lap.

To have the number one beauty in the Stone Medicine World sitting in their embrace was wondrous luck! Li Qiye gently held her slender waist then hugged her. As a sweet fragrance assaulted his nose, he slowly said: “Close your eyes and feel it with your heart.”

Ming Yexue listened and slowly closed her eyes as she leaned against his chest. At this second, she let go of all thoughts and relaxed!

She felt that this current situation was so natural and comforting that it was as if this was how things were a very long time ago. To her surprise, she seemed to be traveling back to the past, to a very distant time when she was protected by him just like this.

The atmosphere became quiet as time continued to flow. For Ming Yexue, this type of comforting position was where she belonged, her home!

“Am I a reincarnation?” After a while, Ming Yexue softly asked while still leaning on Li Qiye, maintaining her charm and peaceful demeanor.

“No, you are not a reincarnation. You are you, the past and the future don’t matter, only the present is important.” Li Qiye gently stroked her hair and spoke with a touch of love in his voice.

“I’m still a bit lost. I feel like I have known you for a long time now.” She shook her head in response.

“This isn’t surprising at all.” Li Qiye smiled and replied: “I understand your current feelings as you rightfully want to know your background! However, there is no need to rush things. After I take you to the Bi’an Beastworld, you will come to learn some secrets. When that time comes, I will tell you of your origin.”

“Bi’an Beastworld?” Even a supreme beauty with great wisdom like her was startled after hearing this name.

“Impossible, the Bi’an Beastworld has not appeared for a very long time. Legend states that after the Divine Beast Realm was destroyed, the Bi’an Beastworld never appeared again.” She glanced at him with confusion.

However, she suddenly realized and emotionally uttered: “You can make the beastworld appear again!”

“Smart.” Li Qiye gently pinched her nose and chuckled: “Don’t worry, the beastworld will appear again, and I’ll take you to a few places. That’s that.”

“How can this be?” Ming Yexue said in disbelief: “The legend states that after the beast realm was destroyed, some Immortal Emperors tried to find the beastworld, but they came back empty handed.”

Incredible matters which others deemed to be impossible even for Immortal Emperors were not out of the question for Li Qiye!

“This world is full of possibilities.” Li Qiye smiled: “There will be even more wonders for you to witness in the future. There are many things in this vast world that are beyond your imagination. You will understand them eventually.”

Ming Yexue didn’t say anything else. She gently rested herself on

Li Qiye's chest as if she was tired. She seemed to be so lazy and comfortable at this moment that it was as if time had stopped.

Li Qiye stayed at the kingdom for a very long time. Eventually, with the help of the ancestral vein beneath the kingdom, Li Qiye successfully refined the Phoenix.

The Phoenix was now complete. It was no longer only a skeleton but had flesh and blood. Its heart powerfully jumped up and down as its entire body emitted a supreme immortal light. When the immortal laws appeared, it gave off the sensation that a real phoenix was about to be reborn.

In the previous battle where the ancestral ground was torn asunder, the Phoenix was able to borrow the essences of the world to rebuild its body! Later on, Li Qiye used the refinement from the Death Chapter and borrowed even more profound force from the vein to give it some intelligence!

It seemed to be alive right now. Any spectator would find that there was no problem with it; it was definitely a living immortal bird.

However, it had yet to become a true phoenix. Although it had some spirituality to it, this bird still did not have a true fate or soul. There was a way to go from becoming a true phoenix — a real living creature.

After hearing Li Qiye, Ming Yexue, Madam Zi Yan, and Yuan Caihe all shockingly exclaimed: "What?! You want to release this

Phoenix!”

“Big Brother, this is a phoenix!” Even the calm Caihe was astounded. Anyone else would keep this Phoenix indefinitely. Moreover, Li Qiye had expended countless efforts on it. He repaired its skeleton, gave it flesh and blood, and also granted it intelligence.

After spending so much effort just to release it... Nobody would believe such a story. They would consider Li Qiye crazy.

Li Qiye remained nonchalant about this decision. He smiled: “If I don’t let it go, then it will always be a fake phoenix, one without life! Only by releasing it would it have the chance to become a real phoenix in the future via rebirth through fire!”

“But, but, if you let it go, it will be gone forever!” The madam had to comment.

Li Qiye shook his head: “Zi Yan, sometimes we have to rely on fate. For me, I may lose a phoenix, but for the phoenix, it will have a chance to be reborn! This is a miracle! Although this miracle will not be performed by me, I have played a part in it. This is a cause for joy.”

“Big Brother has a big heart, truly admirable.” Yuan Caihe emotionally sighed. No one else would be willing to let go of a priceless treasure like this Phoenix, but Li Qiye was able to let it go with such a nonchalant and carefree demeanor. It was difficult for others to act in this style.

Chapter 794: Releasing The Phoenix

Li Qiye laughed at Yuan Caihe's praise and gently shook his head: "Little Sister, it is not because I am kind but because I also want to see its rebirth." A glimmer flashed across his eyes as he looked at the Phoenix and spoke: "The rebirth of a phoenix through fire has long been spoken of by people, but how many have actually seen it? If this Phoenix can actually be reborn, then there will be an entirely new understanding in the search of eternal life in the future."

Eternal life was an issue explored by countless invincible existences. In this era where true immortality was impossible, people looked towards rebirth and endless reincarnation. If one could obtain one of these methods, then it was virtually the same as having eternal life.

Regarding this matter, the once immortal Dark Crow had researched it and had a stronger understanding compared to others.

"Rebirth..." The Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor let out a long sigh. He, as an Alchemy Emperor and an Emperor Candidate, had studied this topic as well. He emotionally added: "If I can see the rebirth of a phoenix in my lifetime, then I can go on without regrets. At the very least, it shows that rebirth is not something unattainable. Until now, it remains as the greatest secret. If I can learn a bit more in this life, then death won't seem that bad."

The alchemy emperor knew how to prolong life better than other invincible existences. But in this generation, he could no longer

further extend his lifespan and was completely helpless.

Li Qiye also nodded to this comment: “Across the ages, no one has ever unraveled the mystery of the phoenix’s rebirth. If this phoenix wants another chance at life, then it has to rely on itself. If I keep it by my side, then it will never be able to obtain this opportunity and live again!”

Having said that, Li Qiye gently patted the pretty and perfect feathers of the bird. Just its feathers alone were priceless, let alone its entire being.

Nevertheless, Li Qiye was willing to let it go instead of keeping it by his side. Perhaps he would be able to have the chance to learn a few things after seeing the potential true rebirth in the future. Eventually, he made up his mind.

At the same time, Yuan Caihe’s group and countless experts from the kingdom wanted to watch this scene, this potential miracle!

The moment the group came out of the ancestral ground to release the Phoenix at the mountain pass caused many spectators to be alarmed.

The moment a supreme immortal bird like the Phoenix came out, an endless and majestic aura immediately rose and was felt by everyone in Alchemy City. To their astonishment, they looked up all at once to see Li Qiye raising the Phoenix in his hands.

“No way, is he crazy? Releasing the Phoenix?” From his actions, some could guess what Li Qiye was about to do and felt astounded.

“How preposterous is this? This is a Phoenix! No matter if it is alive or dead, it is still a priceless treasure. Just its heart alone is comparable to an Immortal Emperor Life Treasure!” Even a great power’s ancestor was scared silly by Li Qiye’s actions.

Those who knew more about the value of a phoenix felt that it was even more insane. Releasing such a treasure was a prodigal decision of paramount proportions — truly enraging!

“Go find your own fortune for rebirth and seize the future full of opportunities.” Eventually, Li Qiye sighed and threw the Phoenix up.

“Screech!” In the blink of an eye, the Phoenix soared to the sky and danced around three times above Li Qiye’s head before using an astonishing speed to pierce through the sky, disappearing in the horizon.

Its swift speed was unmatched; even the reflection of moonlight would seem slow in comparison. It disappeared into the distance in just the blink of an eye.

The spectators in the city were stunned. A phoenix had left just like that because of Li Qiye’s prodigal decision. Some wanted to curse and yell at Li Qiye to give the Phoenix to them instead of releasing it like this!

“Chase after it!” Some ancestors and legendary masters regained their wits and suddenly rushed into the sky. They flew at amazing speeds to chase in the direction of the Phoenix.

Suddenly, a few existences with real power followed suit. This was a Phoenix! They, being Virtuous Paragons, naturally wanted to seize it!

“Some paragons are chasing after it.” The madam worriedly said. Since so many gave chase, what if the Phoenix fell into their hands? That would be a waste of her Young Master’s efforts.

“With just them?” Li Qiye simply didn’t care and dismissively said: “They are not qualified. If any random street dogs could catch a Phoenix, then it wouldn’t be an existence that was once comparable to Immortal Emperors.”

After hearing this, the madam felt relieved.

The news of the release of the creature spread throughout the Stone Medicine World and caused a huge stir. Many ancient existences couldn’t sit still after hearing it.

“Who cares if he is crazy or not, summon the ancestral weapon so that we can catch the bird!” A timeworn ancestor crawled out from the ground and set off immediately!

“Summon the patriarch’s Immortal Emperor’s carriage. We have to catch this Phoenix at all costs!” Even imperial lineages’

ancestors were no exceptions. They brought out their imperial treasures and gave chase.

In a short period of time, a storm swept across this world with countless lineages, including imperial lineages, joining the chase for the Phoenix. It swept through the entire world with old undyings rising from the earth to join the hunt.

New information came every day. One day, some people found the bird in the Medicine Realm. The very next day, someone spotted it in the Beast Realm, and then the Stone Realm.

The bird seemed to be searching for something as it traveled across the world. Despite people spotting it numerous times, no one could catch up to it. As an immortal bird, its speed was so fast that even imperial carriages couldn't catch up.

This lasted for a while before the Phoenix suddenly crossed the void and disappeared into the vast sky. No one could chase after it. All the paragons dejectedly gave up, so the curtain finally fell.

Despite the big commotion, Li Qiye paid it no mind. He expected this result and continued to stay at the kingdom's ancestral ground to pass on his dao of alchemy to Yuan Caihe.

One day, the Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor personally came to see him: "My lord, the platform is ready. Would you like to go take a look?"

“Good, let’s check it out.” Li Qiye nodded and followed the alchemy emperor.

There was an archaic platform inside an important forbidden ground of the kingdom with a gigantic gateway. It appeared to be a teleportation portal but was slightly different. Above the platform was a gigantic ring that slowly rotated, causing time to fluctuate to its rhythm.

Li Qiye emotionally stated after seeing this platform again: “What an extraordinary item! Even an Immortal Emperor wouldn’t be able to copy it! Your ancestor was very lucky to have obtained this door. At the very least, this is one more shortcut straight to the Drystone Courtyard!”

“This thing is really great, but the chance of success is too low. I have tried several times when I was younger but failed each time. I didn’t dare to try it again later on since it would be too much for me to handle.” The emperor wryly smiled: “I can’t say that this time will be successful either even if my lord is the one to operate the portal.”

“I know. Like I said before, this is just an attempt to reach the Drystone Courtyard. It is only a speculation that I want to personally test. If it’s unsuccessful, then I’ll try other methods. They will only be a bit more troublesome.” Li Qiye smiled.

Li Qiye carefully examined this portal and eventually nodded: “Embed the Immortal Emperor Refine Jades and let it stabilize, then I’ll set off.”

“My juniors have carefully prepared them already. Once it stabilizes, my lord can go at any time.” The alchemy emperor responded.

This gateway required a massive amount of imperial refined jades. However, it was not a problem for the kingdom.

“I want the Heavenly Annihilations of those three imperial weapons! Let them prepare well so we can get started.” Li Qiye commanded.

“If my lord wants to use the annihilations, then we have to open the old Godfiend Battlefield because very few places in this world could handle such force.” The alchemy emperor replied.

“Right, your kingdom has a battlefield ready. Let them prepare now; this time, they will absolutely lose some of their lifespans.” Li Qiye nodded.

The alchemy emperor had no objections to this request. Li Qiye’s exoneration was already merciful enough towards the other ancestors.

The kingdom had an archaic battlefield. Legend states that Immortal Emperor Bi Shi brought it back. As for where he got it from... not even the ancestors were privy to this.

Chapter 795: Before The Journey

On this day, the battlefield was finally opened. The moment one stepped inside, they would find that it was a disorderly space with an endless sky of nothingness.

Here, there were peaks that were as big as independent worlds, and a galaxy that stretched from the northernmost to southernmost reaches with stars floating about...

Unfortunately, this was a location that could have created a series of worlds but had been shattered into pieces. The mountains were destroyed and the galaxy fragmented with the destruction of the stars. The only thing in sight was a scene of ruin and destruction.

One could easily imagine the terrible war that took place here. Either that or this place used to be a brutal training ground. The destruction of the world was the most appropriate term to describe the field ahead.

The ancestors from the kingdom who had sinned had all arrived. They also carried along the three imperial true treasures of the kingdom — the Brightflame Cauldron, the Divine Beast Zither, and one more item that looked to be a basket woven from bamboo leaves.

However, do not underestimate this basket. Its origin could scare people to death! It was the true fate weapon of the kingdom's progenitor, Immortal Emperor Yao Zu. Its name was the Dragon

Subduing Basket, an extremely powerful true treasure.

“Very good, all three imperial treasures are here. You all know the drill, I assume?” Li Qiye slightly nodded his head and said: “I need Heavenly Annihilations!”

Having said that, Li Qiye took out one treasure after another — the Yin Yang Immortal Mirror, the green lamp with the black fire, the Declivity-Mountain Bell, the Heaven Sealing Pentagate...

The ancestors’ eyes widened after seeing Li Qiye take out so many treasures. They were legendary masters and eternal existences. Some were even God-Monarchs! Of course they knew their stuff.

As a sect with three emperors, they had the most treasures and imperial weapons in the Stone Medicine World. To them, this was a source of pride since it signified their power.

However, Li Qiye alone took out this many treasures. Each of them was not necessarily weaker than their imperial true treasures... This sort of thing to them was simply absurd.

Their entire sect’s treasury was inferior to Li Qiye’s personal stash. This was unbelievably unfair!

The alchemy emperor, on the other hand, only smiled while the ancestors were astounded. These juniors had never seen the Dark Crow of past. His treasury back then could scare people to death.

Even Immortal Emperors would feel envious before it!

Of course, this was normal for Li Qiye. He even gave away the Immortal Writ and lightning eye to Tie Yi. Treasures to him were not anything special. When he needed them, he had plenty of means to gather more!

“In addition to the Heavenly Annihilations from your true treasures, my items will also unleash an ultimate attack.” Li Qiye told the ancestors after taking out these treasures.

The ancestors swallowed their saliva. This was quite a difficult task for them. One of the ancestors couldn't help but say: “I'm afraid that even if we drain all of our vitality, we wouldn't be able to unleash so many Heavenly Annihilations.”

Unleashing an annihilation was very difficult. Although they were sinners so they had to do this, they were powerless to an extent.

“Don't worry, I can personally unleash some annihilations! I just need some help in this process for stabilization.” He paused for a bit before continuing: “Though all of you are sinners, I will not mistreat those who work for me! Regardless of what you think, as long as all of you do a good job, I will refine several batches of heavenly medicines for you!”

The ancestors couldn't help but glance at each other after hearing this. They were quite moved. Although their future was one of being sealed underground, they eventually would come out

again in the distant future. As long as they were still alive, who wouldn't want to live a bit longer?

Although the kingdom was the most powerful alchemy lineage in this world, only two people were able to refine heavenly medicines, the Hundred-Life Alchemy Emperor and Ancestor Wushuang!

These ancestors had used many items to prolong their life including a large quantity of longevity medicines. However, they had never consumed heavenly medicines before.

Although their two oldest ancestors could refine these medicines, they would not continuously do so due to the negative effects the process had on their blood energy. Their lifespan was countless times more precious compared to the junior ancestors.

This was not the case for Li Qiye. He was still young and had no worries in this aspect. Moreover, he also had the ability to do so!

“What are you all waiting for? Show your gratitude to the lord's benevolence.” Even the alchemy emperor was happy for his juniors. This was a rare opportunity.

“Thank you, my lord...” The ancestors were no longer arrogant. Even though Li Qiye decreed for them to be sealed underground, they were still very excited and moved. This was a blessing amidst a disaster.

Li Qiye insipidly said: “Let us begin.”

After some time, the atmosphere in the entire Stone Medicine World seemed to become suffocating. No one knew what was going on, but they could feel that something was coming. Every so often, there would be an explosion that caused the ground to slightly shake.

No one knew what was going!

“The old battlefield, someone is definitely opening the Godfiend Battlefield!” A few legendary masters and eternal existences understood the event that was unraveling.

Nevertheless, no one knew which lineage was opening this battlefield. Very few sects were able to have access to a battlefield of this level. People became afraid of what kind of battle required its opening. Speculations began to run amok all over the Stone Medicine World.

Of course, no one knew that during this period, Li Qiye was unleashing one Heavenly Annihilation after another, from one ultimate attack to another. After many repeated attempts, he was finally successful.

At the end of this process, he collapsed from fatigue. The other ancestors were not faring any better. Their lifespans were greatly spent. Fortunately for them, Li Qiye had agreed to refine heavenly medicines so their efforts inside this old battlefield were all worth it.

In the end, the group left the old battlefield. Although all of them were battered, Li Qiye had an astonishing harvest.

Outsiders didn't know of his spoils, but the ancestors of the kingdom did. After finding out Li Qiye's capabilities, the ancestors felt a fear that seeped into their souls. Even if they were ten times more courageous in the future, they still wouldn't dare to oppose him. They realized that someone even more powerful than they would be easily crushed by him!

Yuan Caihe had lingered long enough at the Alchemy Kingdom, so after Li Qiye came out, she decided to return to the Serene Garden. On the second day, she went to Li Qiye to bid farewell.

"Big Brother, you have to come visit me at the garden some time." At the time of her departure, even the calm Yuan Caihe was a bit unwilling to leave.

Li Qiye smiled in response: "I'm afraid I won't be able to this time. I need to go visit many places, so we'll have to wait until next time. Of course, you can also come to the Mortal Emperor World."

No parting lasts forever; Yuan Caihe gently kissed him and eventually left.

After saying goodbye, Li Qiye called for the madam and spoke in a serious manner: "Zi Yan, you have followed me for some time now. Do you wish to go with me?"

The madam wasn't prepared for this sudden question. She was slightly stunned before answering: "Where does Young Master want to go?"

Li Qiye revealed a mysterious smile and said: "Well, I'll let you know after hearing your decision."

The madam took a deep breath and solemnly replied: "If Young Master is willing to take me, then I am willing to follow you to the edge of this world." She had made up her mind at this time.

Others would find this unbelievable. The madam was still young and was already a Heavenly King, a ruler of an entire country! Many people would find her to have boundless potential and an unreachable status.

No matter the perspective, being a ruler was much better than being a driver.

However, the madam did not share this thought. After staying by Li Qiye for all this time, she understood what miracles and unbelievable wonders were!

In her opinion, even if she continued to stay at Giant Bamboo, her final accomplishment would only be Virtuous Paragon. Her world would be limited to the Giant Bamboo Country. Even if she was able to take things one step higher, she would be limited to the Stone Medicine World.

However, this wouldn't be the case if she followed her Young Master. She would be able to witness the secrets across the ages. Her horizon would no longer be limited to the Stone Medicine World, but all of the nine worlds!

By following her Young Master, her future would be full of miracles and possibilities.

“Very well, I'm glad that you have thought it through.” Li Qiye gently nodded. He personally held her in high regard. He would have fewer worries with her by his side.

He commanded: “You should go back to Giant Bamboo and deal with the matter of succession. Afterward, take the Imperial Draco-Bull to the Giant Bamboo Country. It will leave behind a divine ring there.”

“Young Master won't go back to Giant Bamboo?” The madam was slightly surprised.

Li Qiye gently shook his head: “I want to go to the Drystone Courtyard with the kingdom's portal.”

Chapter 796: Parting

“Drystone Courtyard?!” The madam gasped as her expression quickly changed: “Young Master, do you really want to go there?”

“Yes, I plan on having a look.” Li Qiye nodded: “I have a speculation that needs to be confirmed at the courtyard. Of course, I will quickly return.”

“Young Master, we are talking about the Drystone Courtyard here!” The madam’s mind became heavy because she was worried that her Young Master was taking it too lightly.

“I know about the courtyard and also that it is one of the twelve burial grounds. It’s the most dangerous place in the Stone Medicine World.” Li Qiye smiled.

How could he not know about the courtyard? One would be hard pressed to find others more knowledgeable than him in present times.

The madam wryly smiled and said: “Young Master, ‘dangerous’ is not enough to describe it. It is simply a land of no return. Even legendary Godkings would not be able to come out alive! Another rumor states that there had been Immortal Emperors trapped there; they even nearly lost their lives.”

The Drystone Courtyard was a very dangerous location in the Stone Medicine World. Throughout the ages, countless people had died there, but curiosity still got the best of the future explorers.

Many had gauged the twelve burial grounds before, and they believed that if there was a list that ranked the level of danger for each of them, then the Drystone Courtyard could be considered among the top three.

Some invincible existences had attempted this as well. Although a place like the Heavenly Ancient Corpse Burial Ground was full of the dead and corpses, many inhabitants there had voluntarily buried themselves.

There were not as many corpses at the Drystone Courtyard, but people believed even more cultivators had died there compared to the Heavenly Ancient Corpse Burial Ground. Moreover, many among them were Virtuous Paragons or unbeatable existences!

Of course, the courtyard's secret was why people wanted to go there. Even Immortal Emperors wanted to solve the mystery, but it had remained unsolved for millions of years!

Li Qiye only smiled after seeing the worried madam: "Zi Yan, there is no need to worry about me. I am very confident about this trip to the courtyard. Plus, the portal of the kingdom is one of the few shortcuts in present times, but this shortcut's success rate is very low. Whether I can go inside or not is still hard to say."

The madam knew that she couldn't convince her Young Master to change his mind. The only thing she could do now was to pray for his safe return.

“Regardless of whether I can make it inside or not, I will take a trip to the Beast Realm afterward.” Li Qiye told her: “We will meet again at the Beast Realm. When the time is ripe, I will take you to the Bi’an Beastworld.”

“The Bi’an Beastworld?” The madam was startled and murmured: “One of the legendary six ancient immortal earths?”

Li Qiye nodded slightly: “Yes, the beastworld is not a bad location at all and is absolutely worth your time.”

The madam found this difficult to believe: “But Young Master, I heard that the beastworld has disappeared for a very long time now. People say that it never showed up again after the destruction of the Divine Beast Realm. Many lineages — including imperial heritages — had tried to find it to no avail.”

“Yes, I know.” Li Qiye cheerfully smiled: “But this generation is different from others. The beastworld will inevitably appear in this one.”

The madam was slightly stunned by her Young Master’s confidence. At this moment, she realized that he could find the beastworld’s location. Or in other words, he already knew where it was.

One should know that ever since its disappearance, people in each of the following generations had tried to find it, including Immortal Emperors. However, all of this was for naught. It seemed to have disappeared into thin air; its location was a complete

mystery!

However, the world knew that it was one of the six ancient immortal earths. Even if many lineages and great powers moldered over the years, it would continue to exist in an indestructible and everlasting manner!

Because of this, great masters from future generations all wanted to find the crux of the problem. They wanted to know what the reason was for its disappearance!

Li Qiye chuckled at the madam's silly state: "After we get there, I will take you around and see what kind of fortune you will be able to obtain."

"A fortune at the beastworld?" The madam was astonished, but she was not very confident. The legend of the beastworld was unreachable, and many came back empty-handed. She couldn't help but say: "Is it possible for me?"

"Have trust in yourself, you can definitely do it. Plus, I will be there as well, so there is no need to worry." Li Qiye smiled: "Leave the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar back at the Giant Bamboo Country. This is the country's defining treasure, so after you come with me, you should return it to them. I will find you a different treasure."

"I understand." The madam nodded. After leaving the country, she would surely return an important treasure like the jar. She was its disciple, after all, and hoped for the country to have a long

lasting future.

Li Qiye eventually told the madam: “Go, deal with the matters there, then we can leave with no hesitation.”

The madam bowed to Li Qiye before setting off towards the Giant Bamboo Country on the second day. She had many things to transfer over. For example, the successor to the throne and the dao lineage...

She grew up in the country so she still felt some sadness about leaving it. In the end, she steeled her resolve. Although she would no longer be its ruler or even an official at the country, she would always be its disciple. This was with Li Qiye’s permission. He only needed her by his side to work for him. Whether she was a disciple of Giant Bamboo or not didn’t matter.

At the same time, the Alchemy Kingdom had embedded the required refined jades, and the portal had stabilized. Li Qiye could begin his trip to the Drystone Courtyard.

However, he was interrupted by a challenger.

“Jian Wushuang is here. The girl wants to challenge you.” Ming Yexue sent the news to Li Qiye. She didn’t think much of Jian Wushuang’s sudden challenge because this wasn’t the first time it happened.

“That girl is really courageous to try again.” Li Qiye couldn’t help

but chuckle after hearing this.

Anyone else, even those who were adored by the heavens, would be absolutely appalled with fear in their mind after dying once. But in just a short time, Jian Wushuang dared to come challenge him again. This showed that she was sufficiently prepared and was ready for death as well!

“You didn’t kill her last time?” Ming Yexue was curious. She couldn’t watch the fight last time, but she knew that Li Qiye won for sure. Otherwise, she wouldn’t come challenge him again.

“No, she really died last time.” Li Qiye gently shook his head: “The girl is too proud and stubborn — this will be her undoing.”

“The Jian Clan is indeed amazing. They really do have a method to revive someone just like the legend states!” Ming Yexue had to praise: “No wonder why Jian Wushuang can be so arrogant. She died but can come back for another shot in just a short period of time. This shows that she didn’t only recover, she will come with an even more powerful approach.”

“The girl indeed has the ability to be so proud. Unfortunately for her, she chose the wrong opponent.” Li Qiye smiled. Although he didn’t like Jian Wushuang in the past, he still appreciated her skill.

“Will you accept the challenge?” Ming Yexue asked: “The ancestor said that the portal is completely stable now so you can leave anytime.”

Despite receiving the challenge, Ming Yexue felt that there was no need for an actual fight. She knew who the victor would be. Jian Wushuang indeed had frightening talents and was qualified to fight someone like Ye Qingcheng, but she couldn't reach the apex when compared to Li Qiye.

“I'll settle this matter before going.” Li Qiye stroked his chin: “Go tell the girl that I accept her challenge. I will choose the location, and she will come alone! If not, I won't bother fighting her.”

Ming Yexue complied and went to answer Jian Wushuang.

For Li Qiye, having an expert like Jian Wushuang was non-essential. However, he still agreed to this fight. He wanted to settle this matter, and Jian Wushuang was a good sparring partner. It didn't matter whether she was friend or foe. Her strength and offensive potential were very beneficial to his Death Seal. It could increase his death energy by a sizable amount. Plus, even if Jian Wushuang could kill him, she would not be able to harm his true foundation.

Her power was just right, so Li Qiye viewed her as the best source of death energy. Where else could he find a better opponent to gather death energy?

Chapter 797: Jian Wushuang's Second Challenge

The battle location was unknown to everyone besides Li Qiye and Jian Wushuang. Even Ming Yexue didn't know. Li Qiye chose this place to avoid outsiders from seeing his secrets, at least for now.

Jian Wushuang was already waiting by the time he arrived. She hadn't changed one bit; she was still as beautiful and charming with that same obnoxious pride.

Looking at Jian Wushuang would give the feeling that her beauty was not important because her arrogance alone was enough to make others back away. No matter how charming and kingdom-toppling she might be, others wouldn't dare to come close, not even those who had a crush on her.

They would lose confidence before her arrogance and aggressiveness. Even those who were bolder would easily be deterred by her pride. Her attitude was not just for show. It came from her absolute confidence. She was a noble phoenix that looked down on the world and its inhabitants.

Li Qiye remained unperturbed. His temperament simply couldn't compare to Jian Wushuang's arrogance. Nevertheless, it was not affected by her aggressive presence.

"I'm a bit surprised." Li Qiye smiled after seeing her: "It mustn't be easy for you to dare come challenge me again."

Jian Wushuang coldly glared at him. Despite her defeat and even death to his hands, she was still as imperious as before without a hint of pretension.

She coldly uttered: “Why would I not dare to come again?! Victory and defeat are normal to a warrior! I will defeat you one day!” Despite her arrogance, her mentality was still quite good.

She didn’t falter after dying to Li Qiye and instead rose to even greater heights with a stronger battle intent. She was better than many people in this regard. For example, the white hair alchemist. He was a brilliant genius, but alas, he couldn’t handle the blow of defeat.

Li Qiye carefully glanced over her as if he wanted to see through everything. She, on the other hand, was not afraid at all and met his gaze head on with great confidence.

Compared to last time, Jian Wushuang was quite different in the sense that she was much stronger. Although her attitude did not change, she became less talkative and was more collected.

“Not bad at all. To continue treading forward after dying — this is worthy of praise.” Li Qiye voiced his praise after his observation; he now appreciated her character a bit more.

The two continued to stare at each other. Jian Wushuang’s eyes were sharp and overbearing. She was indeed an extraordinary girl!

Li Qiye smirked: “Although you have made some progress this time, you are still no match for me.”

“No need to bluster before the battle!” Jian Wushuang sneered coldly: “The victor has yet to be determined!”

Although Jian Wushuang was not as imperious as before, her arrogance and aggressiveness did not change one bit. Despite dying to Li Qiye once already, she remained undaunted.

Li Qiye shook his head in response: “No, in my opinion, there is no need to fight. The outcome has already been decided. You are not my match, and you won’t be able to surpass me.”

“Wait until we fight, then we can see whether I am your match or not.” Jian Wushuang snorted.

Li Qiye smiled: “Do you know why I came this time? It’s because I want you! If you don’t give me some benefits, then I won’t be interested in fighting today.”

“Li Qiye, I thought you were an indomitable fighter, but it turns out that you can’t even keep true to your words.” Jian Wushuang sneered.

Li Qiye smiled and slightly shook his head: “I didn’t go back on my words at all. Yes, I accepted your challenge, but it is up to me whether I will attack or not. I am standing right here, so you can

attack me. After you attack, your challenge will officially begin, but I can also turn around and leave since I have no interest in fighting you! If you can catch up to me or stop me, then good for you. But if you can't, then this challenge will be over. It is your fault for not being able to stop me!"

"You!" Jian Wushuang almost vomited blood from anger. She coldly stared at him and uttered: "You must be afraid of losing to me!"

"Your taunt has no effect on me." Li Qiye smilingly shook his head: "Regarding schemes, you are only a child in my eyes. If you think you are ready, then start the battle."

Jian Wushuang was now furious. She didn't come here to issue this challenge just so that Li Qiye could show up then run. She wanted to have a grand battle until she defeated him!

"What do you want?" She naturally was unwilling to have anything but a real fight!

Li Qiye looked at her and smirked: "What I want is very simple, just you! You must plead loyalty to me, then you shall have a position among my generals. If you are strong enough in the future, the number one general's seat shall be yours!"

"In your dreams!" Jian Wushuang snorted: "I will neither plead loyalty nor bow down to anyone. I will always be my own master!"

“You are mistaken.” Li Qiye shook his head: “Being my general does not mean you are below me. I view those who stand by my side as my own family! Moreover, if I lose, I can grant you all of your desires!”

“No!” Jian Wushuang rejected the proposition and coldly grinned: “If you must bet, then I can bet something different with you. If I lose, I shall hand over a supreme treasure!”

“Treasure?” Li Qiye shook his head: “Your Jian Clan’s treasures do not interest me in the least bit, not even your Immortal Emperor True Treasure. Do you dare to bet or not? Of course, if you are afraid, then we’ll consider this battle as finished.”

“I have never been afraid before, but I will not make this bet with you. Your ruse has no effect on me as well.” Jian Wushuang coldly uttered.

“In that case, I am not very interested.” Li Qiye smiled: “I’m right here. You can start the duel all by yourself.” Having said that, he turned around and left.

Jian Wushuang did not attack. She was furious since this was not the battle she wanted. She wanted a real fight where a winner will be decided!

“Wait a minute!” She shouted right when Li Qiye was about to leave.

Li Qiye halted his steps and slowly turned around to look at her while smiling: “Changed your mind?”

Jian Wushuang was hesitant. She wanted nothing more than to rip him to shreds, but a real duel was even more tempting!

“I know you are unwilling and only want to destroy me!” Li Qiye chuckled: “I also know that you want to destroy my so-called devilish art with your strongest attack so that I will never revive again.”

“However, all of this doesn’t matter, don’t you think?” Li Qiye revealed a gentle smile that was rarely seen and raised his arms to the side: “I’m right here, do as you wish. Shoot me asunder, slash me into countless pieces, blow me into smithereens. I don’t mind whatever you want to do as long as you agree to our proposition.”

“Hmph, will you only rely on your devilish art to win?” Jian Wushuang snorted. She was both unwilling yet itching to try.

“You think I can only rely on this ‘devilish art’ to win?” Li Qiye shook his head while smiling: “Since you are so unconvinced, I can let you have a taste of my strength. I will still use this art to defeat you by allowing you to use any methods to try and kill me.”

“This will only be the appetizer to give you a chance to suppress and kill me.” Li Qiye smiled: “If you agree with my proposal, then after you fail to kill me, our duel will formally begin!”

“Any other rules?!” Jian Wushuang’s eyes turned serious after hearing this. This first test before the battle was a temptation difficult for her to resist.

“No other rules.” Li Qiye smiled: “You can use any methods, treasures, or techniques during the battle! Of course, you will only have one chance since I only need one move to defeat you!”

“One move?” Jian Wushuang’s anger welled up in her heart. She sneered: “Good, I also want to see just how powerful your archery is!”

She came prepared this time, so she was full of confidence.

“No, you misunderstood my intention.” Li Qiye gently shook his head: “I know you are proud and still think that you have a chance. Since that’s the case, I will let you witness my true strength. This one move of mine will not require any weapons or emperor laws. Just one move with my bare hands will be enough to take you down!”

Chapter 798: Bet

Such words made Jian Wushuang's face become quite unsightly. She was proud to the point of being supercilious, so Li Qiye's words were simply dampening her confidence and self-esteem.

“Li Qiye, you are too arrogant!” Jian Wushuang snapped: “One move to defeat me? And bare-handed at that? Who do you think you are? A God-Monarch, a Godking, an invincible existence across the eons?!”

One had to at least be of the Virtuous Paragon level to defeat her in one move with brute strength alone. She even came prepared this time. If she activated her powerful defense, then even a paragon couldn't defeat her in such a manner. Even more astonishingly, a God-Monarch without an imperial true treasure wouldn't be able to defeat her either!

When she had her full defenses up, she believed that very few in the world could defeat her bare-handed, let alone someone from the younger generation.

“No, but I have methods that Godkings and even Immortal Emperors cannot compete with.” Li Qiye smirked and leisurely spoke: “To be honest, do not look down on me. Although I am not as strong as Godkings or Immortal Emperors right now, my invincibility is not something you can imagine!”

Jian Wushuang quivered with rage after hearing this. She scowled: “Li Qiye, you are too arrogant to think that you can defeat

me in one move without a weapon! Hmm, no one from the younger generation can do this, not even Ye Qingcheng!”

Her arrogance was neither without basis nor reason. Her power was definitely formidable. If Li Qiye didn't use the Nine Words True Bow last time to kill her, she wouldn't have lost so easily.

Li Qiye nonchalantly said: “Ye Qingcheng is nothing.” He was neither boasting nor exaggerating. He was simply stating a fact, but she didn't think of it in that manner at all.

Jian Wushuang shouted: “Enough!” Li Qiye had to be the most arrogant person she had ever met!

Many would retreat before Ye Qingcheng, the current number one of the younger generation. Though she was confident enough to go challenge him as well, she couldn't haughtily claim that “Ye Qingcheng was nothing.”

“Are you betting or not? If so, then I'll only need one move to decide this. If not, then I'm going to go now. Feel free to try and stop me.”

Jian Wushuang grew hesitant. Even someone who was always confident like her felt unsure about this duel. She couldn't believe this nonsense of defeating her in one move without a weapon. In her eyes, this kind of bet was simply a way to humiliate and insult her.

However, for some unknown reason, she felt sapped of her power as if there was an indescribable phenomenon occurring.

“If you are unsure, then I can give you a term to work for me. Once you lose, you just have to work for me for some years. After this period is over and you feel that you want to stay, then I would welcome it. Should you choose to leave afterward, then you can do so then.” Li Qiye smiled.

He certainly did not like her prior to this. Nevertheless, he appreciated her at this moment, appreciated her arrogance and confidence and her unceasing courage to walk forward. Cultivation required just this, a powerful heart that remained confident in the face of defeat, an inextinguishable will to rise again! She was able to overcome the looming shadow of defeat from the previous battle.

No matter what, she came again and was unaffected by the previous failure. This made Li Qiye aware of her potential.

Perhaps her talent was not the best, but she had the potential to become an Immortal Emperor! An unwavering dao heart! A heart without fear of death!

Li Qiye had seen many geniuses after so many millions of years. More often than not, the most brilliant geniuses failed to become Immortal Emperors in the end. Across the ages, there were quite a lot of geniuses with three saint talents. However, very few of them obtained the throne.

On the contrary, a few emperors with ordinary talents at a young age could persist to the end of the road and become emperors.

Although there were many reasons for this, one stood out among the rest — they had no fear of defeat or death! This was essential to reach the peak of the grand dao.

Jian Wushuang didn't only lose, she actually died. Anyone would be haunted by this and become afraid of battle. Many geniuses had the talent to become an emperor, but after suffering a single defeat, all thoughts of treading that road were dispelled from their minds! Jian Wushuang, instead, was still as arrogant and confident as before. She still held no one in her eyes and had no fear of battle! In Li Qiye's mind, this was completely admirable!

“Don't tell me you will use another devilish art.” Jian Wushuang spoke after gazing at Li Qiye for a while. She had heard many things about Li Qiye's strange arts.

Most recently, people said that Li Qiye was able to control a Phoenix which allowed for him to fight against the entire Alchemy Realm.

Li Qiye rejected this accusation: “You worry too much. If I actually use a devilish art to defeat you like you said, then you will definitely not be convinced. I hope that you will be my general, so I naturally will defeat you in a convincing fashion.”

Jian Wushuang took a deep breath and stared at Li Qiye before sneering: “Very well, since you dare to bet, why should I be

afraid?! Remember well, if you lose, I will let you be my slave forever!”

“Don’t worry. If I lose, I will listen to everything you say. I will be whatever you want.” Li Qiye smilingly said.

“Let’s go!” Jian Wushuang glared at him and proclaimed: “I will obliterate you right now so that you will never come back to life!”

“I can satiate your fury.” Li Qiye smiled and spread out his arms to expose himself completely: “Come, do your best and annihilate me with all of your attacks! I’m waiting!”

“Hmph! I want to see just how you will revive this time!” Jian Wushuang snorted. She didn’t believe that he was unkillable since she had never heard of someone like that before.

Of course, this whole event was very frustrating to her. Li Qiye leaving her to attack freely was simply humiliating to someone as proud as her, but she couldn’t help it. She wanted to try again to see if she could dispel his devilish art and kill him.

Li Qiye, with his guard down, leisurely said with a grin on his face: “Come, I’m sure it will feel very good.” It was as if this was not a battle but a type of pleasure to him.

“I’ll kill you!” The furious Jian Wushuang also understood that Li Qiye was using her for her attacks.

After the last battle, she knew that he was using the injuries inflicted by her and converting them into death energy. That was the reason why he let her kill him.

Despite knowing this full well, she still had to attack. Without trying to slay Li Qiye once more, she wouldn't be able to give up. Ultimately, she was a stubborn person!

She slowly took out her longbow, a crescent bow that was pure white and emitted a sacred light. The moment she held it in her hands, it looked more like a sacred artifact than a weapon.

“This is a bit surprising.” Li Qiye looked at her longbow and said: “I thought you would use your forefather's bow to kill me. After all, that bow is extremely powerful and is famous among the emperors' weapons...

“In your Jian Clan, outside of your forefather's true weapon, this bow is the second mightiest. However, you came challenging me without using those bows... I almost can't believe it. How amazing and impressive! It seems that I have to look at you in a different light now.” These words were a sincere praise and not mere mockery.

That other bow of the Jian Clan was infamous for its destructive power. People once called it a brutal weapon for murder. However, Jian Wushuang didn't use Immortal Emperor [Diyi Jian](#)'s bow. This was quite a strange matter.

Diyi Jian = Best Archer Immortal Emperor.

Jian Wushuang simply scowled in response to Li Qiye's praise and coldly countered: "I'm just afraid that if I used my clan's bow, you would die without a doubt! It wouldn't be skillful to use my forefather's bow to kill you! Plus, you would remain unconvinced about my abilities as well!"

Her words were imperious and full of confidence. She could have used the other bow at any time to kill Li Qiye. However, she chose not to do so; it would fill her with regrets because killing him in this manner wouldn't be using her real power! Thus, she must use her own strength to slay Li Qiye.

Li Qiye nodded his head approvingly in the face of her pride: "Not bad at all. Still so much confidence after dying once, truly worthy of admiration. Although you annoyed me before, it seems that I'm liking you more and more now."

"Bah! Ivory can't grow from the mouth of a dog." Jian Wushuang scoffed: "This bow might not be as great as my ancestor's, but I personally crafted it to deal with you. I will absolutely not let you revive this time!"

Chapter 799: Unkillable

Li Qiye only smiled in response to Jian Wushuang's haughtiness. He gently shook his head and spoke: "I have to remind you of a few points regarding this matter. First, even your ancestor's bow wouldn't be able to kill me. It is truly a brutal weapon, but this is only by your standards since you haven't seen a real merciless weapon. Second, you are gravely mistaken."

"Hmph, about which part?" Jian Wushuang snorted and was unconvinced.

Li Qiye looked at her bow and smiled: "I know exactly what you were thinking when you created this bow. You considered my undead creatures and immortal technique to be evil!"

"Am I wrong?" Jian Wushuang sneered: "Only the legendary evil undead from underground would be able to absorb death energy to reach an unkillable state!"

"Little missy, do not be so shortsighted. Not all undead creatures are evil." Li Qiye shook his head: "First, I am not an undead but a happy, living being. Second, I cultivate the grand path, the most stately of them all, the true profundities of the grand dao. Only when you become enlightened in these true profundities would you be able to see the real peak, the thing called eternal life and immortality, understand?"

Li Qiye had zero patience for Jian Wushuang in the past, and he also gave her zero respect. However, he had a rare moment of

patience when talking with her right now.

Jian Wushuang raised her bow and vaingloriously said: “I’ll find out with my bow if you are an undead or not.” She exerted great efforts in order to create this bow and believed that it could nullify Li Qiye’s undying characteristic.

Li Qiye couldn’t help but shake his head in response: “Girl, your bow can indeed stop the dead, but it cannot stop me. Your bow was made from the oldest root of the Sacred Sandalwood Tree. After being polished, it was then immersed in Flawless Soul-Destroying Aqua to take shape. Not only this, you also used the Five Elements Evil Slaying Chant for its refinement. The next step was to carve the Godslaying Eighteen Arrows created by your Jian Ancestors. And finally, the last step was to use the Soul Suppressing Immortal Incantation during the refinement in a cauldron.”

Li Qiye praised with a tinge of emotion: “This is indeed a good bow. There is no doubt that you have an incredible talent for the dao of archery. In fact, it’s no weaker than your forefather’s in the past. The only regrettable thing is that you have wrongly mistaken me for an undead.”

Jian Wushuang was stunned. No one knew about the creation of this bow since she personally refined it. There were no other witnesses. Her techniques were the most powerful and ancient methods known to very few people!

But Li Qiye was able to reveal the process so easily as if he knew it like the palm of his hands, as if he was the one who created it! This made her suspect that Li Qiye was spying nearby when she was

refining this bow. Of course, that would be impossible.

“Less words! We’ll know once you have a taste!” Jian Wushuang sneered and prepped her bow to lock onto Li Qiye.

“Very well, begin. I want to see just to what level you will be able to injure me.” Li Qiye stood there defenselessly without a care in the world.

“Pluff!” An arrow shot out in a peerless manner, causing blood to spurt. It pierced through Li Qiye in the blink of an eye. Jian Wushuang didn’t stop at all; she unleashed a storm-like barrage of arrows that drilled countless holes in Li Qiye’s body.

It didn’t stop there. After adding holes to his body, Jian Wushuang shot a buzzing arrow made out of a universal law. It emerged all around his wounds and sealed his entire body. This type of law tore apart his wounds as waves of power intertwined around his body to create a sacred marking like myriad Buddhas expelling evil!

Sure enough, it was effective at this time. Li Qiye’s death energy grew weaker from the suppression, and his wounds took longer to heal.

“Not bad at all. Using arrows as the seal, you are really proficient at archery.” Li Qiye was in writhing pain during this murderous process, but he was still able to laugh.

“Zzz—” A very faint sound rang. Just when Jian Wushuang thought that her method was effective in suppressing Li Qiye’s evil technique, the Death Seal emerged from his body in an instant, causing his wounds to heal ten times faster than normal. It seemed as if Jian Wushuang’s suppression not only failed to stop his evil art, but it had become its nourishment instead.

“This feeling is really not bad. The most sacred power turning into death energy, pure and full of life. Nothing is more delicious than this.” Li Qiye commented with an indescribable enjoyment despite the pain!

Jian Wushuang was astonished since she didn’t expect this development. She cried out again before unleashing another attack.

“Pluff!” Another arrow struck Li Qiye and instantly turned him into a block of ice.

She didn’t stop after unleashing this terrifying ice arrow, she immediately added an invisible arrow on top of that. It met Li Qiye’s body, causing his blood to stain the ice while he was sealed inside.

She wanted to use this powerful ice element to seal Li Qiye’s death energy to prevent him from reviving. Thus, the moment he was frozen, a flurry of invisible arrows gave him one fatal blow after another!

Under the sealing of the ice and the barrage of arrows, he

definitely couldn't survive or come back to life afterward.

However, the mysteries and power of the Death Scripture were not something within her scope of comprehension. Another buzzing sound appeared. Li Qiye's wounds quickly healed once more. She was unable to kill him!

"Girl, although you are stronger than before and came up with great ideas on how to kill me, unfortunately for you, your attacks are mere feasts for me." Li Qiye smiled and shook his head in jest.

The injuries caused by her attacks were all turned into death energy, filling himself up to the brim. This sensation was incredible despite the pain!

"Expel!" Jian Wushuang unleashed a spatial arrow. The moment it struck Li Qiye, his body was immediately dismembered. The space around him fragmented so that his mutilated body couldn't come back together.

"Pluff!" One more arrow left the bow. The hottest arrow in this world instantly pierced and immolated what was left of him with true fire, aiming to render him to ashes.

The worst had yet to come. The true fire from the arrow invaded every corner of Li Qiye's body like maggots. It would not stop until his entire being was burned to ashes.

One must admit that Jian Wushuang's archery was supreme. She

had an unparalleled perception for the quintessential way of the bow and arrow.

“Zzz—” However, all of this killing only turned into death energy under the Death Seal. The graver the injury, the more powerful the Death Seal became!

“Just die already!” Jian Wushuang wasn’t ready to see Li Qiye recover again. In the blink of an eye, she unleashed all of her archery techniques that included incantation magic, exorcism magic, and the evil destroying affinity... All forms of destruction and suppressive methods came at him at once.

Blood splashed everywhere from this onslaught. Jian Wushuang even ground Li Qiye into pieces. But ultimately, the wounds turned into more death energy, and Li Qiye was still alive and kicking as if nothing had happened.

After this shot, even if Jian Wushuang had more confidence and pride, she would still have to give up! She was completely helpless because Li Qiye was unkillable regardless of her archery techniques!

She was only helping him; the wounds she inflicted in an attempt to kill him were being turned into the tastiest of delicacies! It was as if she was doing him a favor!

She had no choice but to give up without saying anything. At this moment, she couldn’t even express her rage or unwillingness to give up.

“I’m not attacking anymore!” She simply couldn’t suppress Li Qiye’s undying method, let alone break through it.

Of course, if she was able to defeat it, then the Death Scripture would not be worthy of its name. It would not live up to its fame as one of the Nine Grand Heavenly Scriptures.

Eventually, Li Qiye heaved a long sigh and movingly said: “Living feels really good. Of course, dying doesn’t feel that bad sometimes.”

Jian Wushuang’s attacks were indeed frightening and painful. However, this was nothing to Li Qiye. In the distant past, he had experienced far more painful and frightening things!

Jian Wushuang raised her brows and couldn’t help but stare at Li Qiye to ask: “What is this merit law?!”

She was no longer imperious or aggressive and didn’t call it a devilish art.

She had no choice but to be convinced without the strength to refute. This type of unkillable technique would be able to dispel all doubts!

“Well, it’s a secret.” Li Qiye touched his chin and revealed a mysterious smile: “Wait until you pledge loyalty to me and are trustworthy enough. When that day comes, maybe I can think

about it and tell you this secret.”

“Hmph, stop dreaming.” She held her head high once more in her usual proud and unreachable manner to sneer: “There is no way you will be able to defeat me bare-handed in one blow.”

“Don’t be so sure.” Li Qiye laughed: “Here is your chance. Get ready, you can attack or defend but there is only one chance. Your defeat is imminent the moment I attack.”

These words left Jian Wushuang with quite an unsightly expression!

Chapter 800: Heaven Suppression Fist

Jian Wushuang took a deep breath and summoned her most powerful defensive weapon. With a buzzing sound, a sacred light engulfed the sky with its grand imperial might. A huge imperial city stood before her.

In the blink of an eye, she took charge of the entire city. Immortal Emperor's universal laws intertwined around the city with multi-layer barriers. It was the ultimate, impregnable defense.

“Immortal Emperor Diyi Jian's Imperial City.” After seeing her treasure, Li Qiye nodded approvingly: “Although the defense of this weapon can't be listed among the top ten, it is not a bad imperial weapon at all.”

Imperial City was the name of Jian Wushuang's life treasure. After being summoned, it would turn into a city that seemed to have an emperor inside with their universal laws for protection.

“Boom!” Another series of explosions rang. Jian Wushuang's life wheel emerged like an endless sea of blood under the stars. She channeled her longevity law to its limit, causing her longevity blood to soar like a phoenix. The moment the creature flapped its wings, endless tidal waves of surging blood energy covered the sky.

Under the empowerment of Jian Wushuang's blood energy, the imperial laws came together to form huge runic shields that added another layer of defense to the imperial city.

The city alone was strong enough, but the addition of the shields fortified it even further. It seemed as if nothing could break through it at this moment!

Under this barrier, defeating Jian Wushuang with just one move was impossible even for a Virtuous Paragon. Perhaps a God-Monarch would be unable to carry out this task.

The impenetrable city boosted her confidence. She coldly stared at Li Qiye and uttered: “Go ahead, I want to see just how you will defeat me in one strike!”

“Okay, you need to be mentally prepared so that you won’t break from this.” Li Qiye chuckled.

His eyes turned serious as his life wheel rose to the sky as well. In the blink of an eye, the Yin Yang Sea of Blood erupted into a furor. His blood energy continued to rise with no signs of slowing down, causing the sky to shake. This blood energy was far stronger than Jian Wushuang’s.

She became alarmed at such domineering blood energy. The reason for its might was not only because of his amazing longevity treasure, but more due to the fact that his longevity blood was impeccably pure. It might be the purest in this world!

This was due to his great foundation in the previous levels, allowing his longevity blood to contain absolutely no impurities.

“Boom!” With a loud detonation, Li Qiye’s thirteen fate palaces ascended! The thirteenth palace immediately took control of everything! With the opening of these palaces, an endless worldly energy proliferated into a vast expanse. If this kept the current trend, then the earth vein taken from the Tiger Emperor City inside the fate palace would eventually become an ancestral vein and reach an unfathomable level!

“Impossible...” Jian Wushuang was shocked after seeing this. No matter how arrogant she might be, even she wasn’t able to keep her cool. An earth vein inside a fate palace was terrifying enough, but what was even more frightening was the thirteen palaces! This was completely unheard of!

Four palaces to form a domain, eight to establish a kingdom, twelve to bring the heavens into existence, then what would thirteen palaces turn into?

The thirteenth palace lingered up high as the ruler of all realms and the nine worlds. Even the high heavens would not be able to reach its soaring profundity.

“Heaven Suppression Fist!” Li Qiye instantly attacked. He unleashed one fist without any transformations or techniques!

This fist contained a wave of condensed worldly energy from the palaces that seemed to be controlling the entire world for their own use.

The most terrifying thing, however, was what was inside Li Qiye's true fate. A blinding item emerged like a little boat.

This tiny vessel seemed to be able to shoulder the entire world, allowing Li Qiye to have boundless vitality. He was no longer a single person for he was shouldering the high heavens and ruling the ten worlds! Within his vitality were countless living beings. At this very second, he appeared to have gained the ability to create life. This was the ultimate and most supreme ability. Just him alone was comparable to billions of existences!

This fist was unstoppable. Even imperial laws were suppressed under this mighty force. The heavenly dao were screaming even though they belonged to an Immortal Emperor. Even the laws of the heavens were eclipsed at this moment!

After the imperial laws were suppressed, even the Imperial City couldn't withstand this fist. "Pop!" It swiftly struck Jian Wushuang and blew her away as she spurted a mouthful of blood.

She couldn't move at all as she tried to stand back up. Her entire body was sealed. Her dao foundation, true fate, fate palaces, and the imperial weapon were all imprisoned by this fist!

The world seemed to have turned quiet at this moment as if time stood still. Li Qiye slowly put down his fist.

Li Qiye basked in this ultimate power and said with felicity: "This is the right feeling, above the high heavens and being the sole sovereign!"

At this moment, he looked towards the sky and saw a tribulation cloud with pulsing lightning condensing. How terrifying was this?! That one fist had alarmed the high heavens!

However, this tribulation didn't descend. The clouds dissipated and the sky became bright again.

“Old villainous heavens, it seems like I still haven't reached a level high enough to threaten you, so you won't try to suppress me.” Li Qiye faintly smiled after seeing the clouds disperse.

This fist was more terrifying than people could imagine. It was his own creation and had the name of Heaven Suppression Fist. This name was not an exaggeration. Li Qiye was aiming towards the high heavens. One day, when he reached full mastery, he would seal the heavens!

This fist contained too many ultimate profundities and mysteries of the thirteen fate palaces, including the vessel of life! When he created this fist, he used it to connect the mysteries of the thirteen palaces with the mysteries of the vessel of life!

The vessel of life was a supreme merit law obtained from the other side of the golden sea back at Necropolis. It was related to the enigma of life and its creation.

After his recent meditation sessions, Li Qiye began to develop something to complement this merit law. Although it had yet to be completed and could even be said to be only twenty to thirty

percent complete, it still had an exhaustive framework. If this merit law could be completed, then in the future, perhaps he would be able to create life and become a real creator of all existences!

Li Qiye named this supreme art the vessel of life, and the meaning of the name was quite apparent.

Under the ultimate power of the thirteen palaces and the vessel of life, Li Qiye was able to create the most powerful fist in this world. When empowered by both laws, its power was unfathomable and could even cause the high heavens to turn furious and try to suppress Li Qiye!

In Li Qiye's eyes, this fist would come to be unbeatable in all eons. Countless Immortal Emperors had created fist techniques; however, none of theirs would be able to compare to his own. His fist was the true sovereign of fists!

This was inevitable since no one besides him had thirteen palaces and the vessel of life. Just having one of these alone was more than enough for someone to become an Immortal Emperor, let alone both of them.

“How was my fist?” Li Qiye looked away from the sky and stared at Jian Wushuang before chuckling.

No outsiders could watch this fight. Because of this, Li Qiye chose to test his newly created Heaven Suppression Fist.

Despite its power, he wouldn't easily use it because the high heavens would not allow for this technique to exist. Once either the vessel of life or the fist technique reached a level where they could threaten the heavens, the heavens would absolutely suppress Li Qiye!

Jian Wushuang was stunned on the spot. Even if Li Qiye's fist didn't seal her, she would still be dazed silly.

Thirteen palaces had exceeded the confinements of rationality. Everyone knew that the ultimate pinnacle for cultivators was twelve palaces, but Li Qiye had thirteen. Throughout history, this was an unprecedented occurrence.

She had no way of describing this fist that was capable of suppressing the heavens. She had seen countless imperial laws, but they were not comparable to this fist. It had no variations or transformations, just a simple sealing affinity; however, this direct fist was related to an ultimate profundity. She wouldn't be able to learn it even if she tried for the rest of her life.

She was completely shaken and couldn't calm down. Ye Qingcheng and Mei Aonan were both brilliant geniuses in present times. This was especially true for Ye Qingcheng. Although she was arrogant, she had to admit that he had incomparable talents.

However, when compared to this Li Qiye standing before her, both of them were not enough to reach the apex. Li Qiye's fist alone was enough for Ye Qingcheng to spend a lifetime to reach enlightenment!

In the past, the Stone Medicine World praised Ye Qingcheng and believed that he would surely become the Immortal Emperor. After seeing this fist, Jian Wushuang couldn't help but want to utter: "Ye Qingcheng is nothing!"

She finally understood why Li Qiye said such words earlier and realized that compared to Li Qiye, all other geniuses in this world were nothing!